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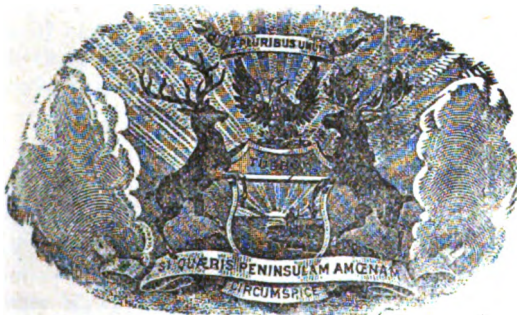
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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

REPRESENTATIVE HALL, LANSING,

Wednesday, January 4, 1899.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Constitution, the members elect of the House of Representatives of the State of Michigan, for the year 1899, assembled in Representative Hall in the Capitol at Lansing, on Wednesday, the fourth day of January, A. D. 1899, and in accordance with law, were called to order by Lewis M. Miller, Clerk of the preceding House, at 12 o'clock m.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Swift.

The certificate of the Secretary of State showing the members returned by the several county clerks, as elected, was then read as follows:

STATE OF MICHIGAN,
DEPARTMENT OF STATE.
Lansing, January 3, 1899.

Hon. Lewis M. Miller, Clerk of the House of Representatives of 1897:

Sir—The accompanying is a list of the members elect of the House of Representatives of the State of Michigan for the years 1899 and 1900, as appears from the returns of the clerks of the several counties of this State now on file in this office.

Very respectfully,

J. S. STEARNS,
Secretary of State.

Allegan county—First district, Bartlett A. Nevins, Otsego; second district, Henry F. Buskirk, Wayland.

Alpena district—Counties of Alpena, Crawford, Montmorency, Otsego and Oscoda, Henry K. Gustin, Alpena.

Antrim district—Counties of Antrim, Charlevoix and Kalkaska, Noah W. Burdick, Mancelona.

Barry county—Myron Wing, Hickory Corners.

Bay county—First district, Joseph McLean, Bay City; second district, George L. Lusk, West Bay City; third district, William Sutherland, Kawkawlin.

Berrien county—First district, Saunders L. Van Camp, Benton Harbor; second district, Joel H. Gillette, Niles.

Branch county—Christopher G. Babcock, East Gilead.

Calhoun county—First district, Edward P. Keep, Tekonsha; second district, Will A. Crosby, Battle Creek.

Cass county—James L. Robinson, Redfield.

Cheboygan district—Counties of Cheboygan, Emmet, Manitou and Presque Isle, Frank Shepard, Cheboygan.

Chippewa district—Counties of Chippewa, Mackinac and Luce; William Chandler, Sault Ste. Marie.

Clinton county—Michael S. Doyle, Elsie.

Delta district—Counties of Delta, Schoolcraft and Alger, George P. McCallum, Thompson.

Dickinson district—Counties of Dickinson, Iron and Baraga, Sherman T. Handy, Crystal Falls.

Eaton county—First district, J. Mason Soper, Delta; second district, Lyman H. McCall, Charlotte.

Genesee county—First district, Samuel C. Goodyear, Swartz Creek; second district, John J. Carton, Flint.

Gogebic district—Counties of Gogebic, Ontonagon, Keweenaw and Isle Royal, Fremont C. Chamberlain, Ironwood.

Grand Traverse district—Counties of Grand Traverse, Leelanau and Benzie, William H. Foster, Traverse City.

Gratiot county—Henry L. Wood, North Star.

Hillsdale county—Lester A. Goodrich, Hillsdale.

Houghton county—First district, Angus W. Kerr, Calumet; second district, George W. Rulison, Hancock.

Huron county—John J. Murdoch, Pigeon.

Ingham county—First district, George R. Heck, Lansing; second district, Adney A. Hall, Stockbridge.

Ionia county—First district, James Scully, Ionia; second district, Joseph A. Locher, Saranac.

Iosco district—Counties of Iosco, Alcona, Roscommon and Ogemaw, George E. Gillam, Harrisville.

Isabella county—Edwin W. Woodruff, Winn.

Jackson county—First district, Samuel B. Collins, Jackson; second district, William A. Reed, Horton.

Kalamazoo county—First district, Edward N. Dingley, Kalamazoo; second district, James M. Davis, Kalamazoo.

Kent county—First district, Edgar J. Adams, Jeremiah H. Anderson and Edmund Burfoot, Grand Rapids; second district, John W. Shisler, Caledonia; third district, Edward P. Nash, Grattan.

Lapeer county—Edmund Brownell, Thomas.

Lenawee county—First district, George Howell, Tecumseh; second district, Burton L. Hart, Morenci.

Livingston county—James B. Taziman, Oak Grove.

Macomb county—First district, James E. Weter, Richmond; second district, Frank C. Wells, Warren.

Manistee county—J. Herbert Read, Pomona.

Marquette county—First district, John R. Gordon, Marquette; second district, Matthew H. Watters, Ishpeming.

Mason county—Humphrey S. Gray, Ludington.

Mecosta county—George W. Reed, Stanwood.

Menominee county—William J. Oberdorffer, Stephenson.

Midland district—Counties of Midland, Gladwin and Arenac, Duncan A. Wayne, Bradford.

Monroe county—First district, August J. Weier, Monroe; second district, August Niedermeier, South Rockwood.

Montcalm county—First district, Charles H. Laflamboy, McBride; second district, Chester A. Miller, Greenville.

Muskegon county—First district, William D. Kelly, Muskegon; second district, Charles E. Whitney, Muskegon Heights.

Newaygo county—Harlan J. Dudley, Fremont.

Oakland county—First district, D. Judson Hammond, Pontiac; second district, I. Roy Waterbury, Highland Station.

Oceana county—Edmund S. Randall, New Era.

Osceola district—Counties of Lake and Osceola, Alfred M. Fleischer, Reed City.

Ottawa county—First district, Luke Lugers, Holland; second district, Robert Alward, Hudsonville.

Saginaw county—First district, Peter Herrig, Saginaw, W. S.; Henry M. Schmidt, Saginaw, W. S.; second district, Leonard Baumgaertner, Saginaw; third district, Benjamin Colvin, St. Charles.

Sanilac county—First district, Christopher Murphy, Sanilac Center; second district, Richard Pearson, Urban.

Shiawassee county—George T. Mason, Owosso.

St. Clair county—First district, William J. Duff, Port Huron; second district, Franklin Moore, St. Clair; third district, John Kingott, Capac.

St. Joseph county—William Pack, Centreville.

Tuscola county—First district, Charles A. Hofmeister, Unionville; second district, William McKay, Caro.

Van Buren county—Charles C. Phillips, Bangor.

Washtenaw county—First district, George S. Wheeler, Salem; second district, Henry Stumpfenhusen, Rawsonville.

Wayne county—First district, Henry M. Cheever, Frank Aldrich, Albert E. Stewart, Lou J. Burch, Malcom J. McLeod, Joseph H. Dickin-son, David E. Heineman, Henry J. Eikhoff, Sheridan J. Colby, Otto Hatzenbuhler, Detroit; second district, Edward C. Bryan, Wyandotte; third district, Solon Goodell, Denton.

Wexford district—Counties of Wexford, Missaukee and Clare, John Caldwell, Manton.

STATE OF MICHIGAN,
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE. } ss.

I, Justus S. Stearns, Secretary of State of the State of Michigan, do hereby certify, that I have compared the annexed and foregoing list of all the members elect of the House of Representatives of the State of Michigan, for the years 1899 and 1900, with the original returns, as transmitted to me by the clerks of the various counties of the State, and that it is a true and correct list.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of Michigan, at Lansing, this third day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine.

[SEAL.]

J. S. STEARNS,
Secretary of State.

The members elect appeared at the Clerk's desk and took and subscribed the constitutional oath of office, which was administered by the Hon. Claudius B. Grant, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, in accordance with the statute; all the members elect so appearing and taking the oath, except Matthew H. Watters of the Second district of Marquette county.

During the call of the list of the members elect, when the name of Benjamin Colvin, member elect from the Third District of Saginaw county was called,

Mr. Herrig of the First District of Saginaw county arose in his place, and presented the protest of William E. Gardiner against the administration of the oath to Mr. Henry M. Schmidt.

The following is the protest:

To the House of Representatives in the State of Michigan:

Your Petitioner, William E. Gardiner, respectfully represents that he is a citizen, and a qualified elector of the United States, and of the First Representative Legislative District of the county of Saginaw, the territorial limits of which is the city of Saginaw.

2d. Your Petitioner further represents that at the election held in said District November 8, 1898, he was a candidate for election to the office of Representative in the State Legislature upon the Republican ticket, and that the Hon. Peter Herrig was also a candidate upon the same ticket for the office of State Representative, and that Jenner E. Morse, and Henry M. Schmidt were candidates for the office of State Representative upon the Democratic-People's-Union-Silver ticket; and that there were only two tickets upon the ballot used at said election in said district to be voted for the office of Representative.

3d. Your Petitioner further represents that the city of Saginaw, which constitutes said First Representative District, is divided into fifteen wards, in which there are eighteen voting precincts; that the Second, Fifth, and Seventh wards of said city have two voting precincts each, and the rest of said wards have only one voting precinct each.

4th. Your Petitioner further represents that the Board of Election Inspectors of the Thirteenth ward of said city canvassed the votes cast therein at said election for the office of Representative, and returned to the office of the County Clerk of Saginaw county, their certificate of the same together with one of the tally sheets made by said Board of Election Inspectors at said election. And there was also returned to the office of the said County Clerk, the poll list made by the said election inspectors of said Thirteenth ward, at said election, consisting of the names of the persons who voted at said election in said ward, and showing the number of electors who voted thereat. And your petitioner inspected said poll lists, and he represents that the same was filed with said County Clerk in and for the County of Saginaw, and that it appears by said poll list that there were only 369 ballots cast in said Thirteenth ward, at said election. Whereas, said election inspectors, in and by their certificate, credited the several candidates for said office with votes as follows:

Henry M. Schmidt	224
Jenner E. Morse	205
Peter Herrig	167

William E. Gardiner	157
Making a total of	753

which number, divided by two, the number of persons to be elected, would be $376\frac{1}{2}$, showing an excess over the number of votes polled at said election in said ward.

5th. Your Petitioner further represents, upon information and belief, that a discrepancy appears between the tally sheet made at said election in said ward and the certificate made by said election inspectors as to the number of votes cast for said several candidates for said office. And your petitioner further represents upon information and belief, that the Board of County Canvassers of Saginaw county, on Saturday, the 3d day of December, 1898, at the request of the Chairman of the Republican County Committee, and the Secretary of the Democratic County Committee, made an unofficial recount of the votes cast at said election in said ward for said several candidates for the office of Representative in the State Legislature, and said Chairman and said Secretary kept the tally, and it appeared by said recount that there were votes cast at said election, in said ward, for said several candidates, as follows:

Henry M. Schmidt	185
Jenner E. Morse	170
Peter Herrig	164
William E. Gardiner	154
Making a total of	673

Divided by two is $336\frac{1}{2}$.

6th. Your Petitioner further represents that he petitioned the said Board of County Canvassers to correct said erroneous returns from the Board of Election Inspectors in said district, but said Board of Canvassers refused to correct the same, or to return to the Board of Election Inspectors said erroneous certificates for correction, but said Board of County Canvassers did permit a member of the Board of Election Inspectors of the First precinct of the Fifth ward of said city, to change the figures of the certificate made from said First precinct, so as to increase the number of votes certified as cast in said precinct for said Henry M. Schmidt, by seven.

7th. Your Petitioner further represents that he is informed and believes that said Board of County Canvassers made their certificate of the vote cast for said office, taking said false and fraudulent certificate of said Thirteenth ward to correctly state the number of votes cast therein for said office, and that said board has certified that said Henry M. Schmidt received 3274 votes at said election in said district, and that your petitioner received 3261 votes in said district, which would give said Schmidt a majority over your petitioner of thirteen votes, whereas the actual vote for said Henry M. Schmidt in said First precinct of the Fifth ward, and in said Thirteenth ward, would reduce the number of votes canvassed by said Board of County Canvassers as cast for him, so that the vote as cast for him in said district would only be 3228, and the num-

ber cast for your petitioner in said district, 3258, which would give your petitioner a majority of 30 over said Democratic candidate for said office.

Your Petitioner, therefore, in consideration of the premises, prays that a committee may be appointed for the investigation of said matters, or that such other means and methods may be adopted as to the Legislature may seem proper, to obtain the truth respecting said matters, and that your petitioner may be declared elected Representative to the State Legislature from the First Representative District of Saginaw county for the term commencing January, 1899, in the place and stead of said Henry M. Schmidt.

And your Petitioner will ever pray.

WILLIAM E. GARDINER,
Petitioner.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, }
COUNTY OF SAGINAW, } ss.

On this 29th day of December, A. D. 1898, before me, personally appeared the above named petitioner, William E. Gardiner, and made oath that he has read the foregoing petition by him subscribed, and that he knows the contents thereof, and that the same is true of his own knowledge except as to the matters therein stated to be upon information and belief, and that as to those matters he believes it to be true.

WILLIAM E. GARDINER.

LINCOLN E. BRADT,

Notary Public in and for the County of Saginaw, Michigan.

The Clerk announced that the protest would be received and would be referred to the committee on elections, when appointed.

The oath of office having been duly administered to the members elect present, and all having duly subscribed the same,

On motion of Mr. Chamberlain,

The House took a recess until 2:30 o'clock p. m.

AFTER RECESS.

2:30 o'clock p. m.

The House met and was called to order by the Clerk.

Matthew H. Watters, member elect from the Second district of Marquette county, appeared at the Clerk's desk, took and subscribed the constitutional oath of office, and took his place on the floor.

The Clerk announced that the first business in order was the drawing of seats in accordance with the statute.

The procedure being explained, and a lad, Merle Urquhart, being blindfolded for the purpose, the drawing was proceeded with, with the following result:

NO.	NAME	SEAT	NO.	NAME	SEAT
1.	Adams	9	51.	Kerr	92
2.	Aldrich	65	52.	Kingott	26
3.	Alward	63	53.	Laflamboy	13
4.	Anderson	59	54.	Locher	41
5.	Babcock	16	55.	Lugers	55
6.	Baumgartner	1	56.	Lusk	57
7.	Brownell	74	57.	McCall	68
8.	Bryan	66	58.	McCallum	54
9.	Burch	48	59.	McKay	94
10.	Burdick	78	60.	McLean	67
11.	Burfoot	19	61.	McLeod	36
12.	Buskirk	11	62.	Mason	17
13.	Caldwell	35	63.	Miller	4
14.	Carton	81	64.	Moore	39
15.	Chamberlain	90	65.	Murdoch	71
16.	Chandler	7	66.	Murphy	49
17.	Cheever	8	67.	Nash	25
18.	Colby	15	68.	Nevin	72
19.	Collins	88	69.	Niedermeier	43
20.	Colvin	89	70.	Oberdorffer	82
21.	Crosby	3	71.	Pack	40
22.	Davis	56	72.	Pearson	38
23.	Dickinson	76	73.	Phillips	75
24.	Dingley	99	74.	Randall	12
25.	Doyle	69	75.	Read, J. H.	33
26.	Dudley	91	76.	Reed, G. W.	21
27.	Duff	84	77.	Reed, W. A.	87
28.	Eikhoff	50	78.	Robinson	70
29.	Fleischhauer	93	79.	Rulison	22
30.	Foster	98	80.	Schmidt	37
31.	Gillam	58	81.	Scully	24
32.	Gillette	83	82.	Shepherd	6
33.	Goodell	2	83.	Shisler	29
34.	Goodrich	14	84.	Soper	47
35.	Goodyear	80	85.	Stewart	34
36.	Gordon	79	86.	Stumpfenhusen	44
37.	Gray	97	87.	Sutherland	42
38.	Gustin	85	88.	Taziman	31
39.	Hall	32	89.	Van Camp	73
40.	Hammond	64	90.	Waterbury	77
41.	Handy	52	91.	Watters	95
42.	Hart	62	92.	Wayne	100
43.	Hatzenbuhler	28	93.	Weier	23
44.	Heck	27	94.	Wells	86
45.	Heineman	18	95.	Weter	10
46.	Herrig	60	96.	Wheeler	46
47.	Hofmeister	30	97.	Whitney	5
48.	Howell	61	98.	Wing	45
49.	Keep	53	99.	Wood	51
50.	Kelly	96	100.	Woodruff	20

The Clerk announced that the next business in order would be the election of a Speaker.

The roll was then called by the Clerk, and the members voted as follows:

FOR EDGAR J. ADAMS.

Mr. Aldrich	Mr. Goodyear	Mr. Nevins
Alward	Gordon	Niedermeier
Anderson	Gray	Oberdorffer
Babcock	Gustin	Pack
Baumgaertner	Hall	Pearson
Brownell	Hammond	Phillips
Bryan	Handy	Randall
Burch	Hart	Read, J. H.
Burdick	Hatzenbuhler	Reed, G. W.
Burfoot	Heck	Reed, W. A.
Buskirk	Heineman	Robinson
Caldwell	Herrig	Rulison
Carton	Hofmeister	Schmidt
Chamberlain	Howell	Scully
Chandler	Keep	Shepherd
Cheever	Kelly	Shisler
Colby	Kerr	Soper
Collins	Kingott	Stewart
Colvin	Laffamboy	Stumpenhusen
Crosby	Locher	Sutherland
Davis	Lugers	Taziman
Dickinson	Lusk	Van Camp
Dingley	McCall	Waterbury
Doyle	McCallum	Watters
Dudley	McKay	Wayne
Duff	McLean	Weier
Eikhoff	McLeod	Wells
Fleischhauer	Mason	Weter
Foster	Miller	Wheeler
Gillam	Moore	Whitney
Gillette	Murdoch	Wing
Goodell	Murphy	Wood
Goodrich	Nash	Woodruff

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FOR JOHN J. CARTON.

Mr. Adams

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The Clerk announced that Edgar J. Adams having received a majority of all the votes cast for the office of Speaker, was duly chosen Speaker of the House.

Mr. Dudley moved that the Clerk appoint a committee of two who shall escort the Speaker elect to the chair.

Which motion prevailed, and

The Clerk named as such committee Messrs. Dudley and Scully.

The committee performed the duty assigned them, and introduced the Speaker, who then addressed the House as follows:

I cannot describe my feelings upon this occasion.

To be Speaker of the House of Representatives in this great Commonwealth is in honor that of necessity few men can ever enjoy.

For a young man to be chosen to preside over the deliberations of such a body of representative men, more than two-thirds of whom are older, both in years and experience, than the man of your choice, is an honor that stirs within me the deepest emotions of gratitude.

To be selected from among so many able men, each fully capable of filling this high position, is a mark of confidence and esteem that arouses within me the keenest sense of responsibility, and an earnest desire to merit your commendation and good will in the discharge of the important duties I now accept.

This evidence of your confidence in electing me to this honorable position has aroused in my bosom emotions of gratitude that pen cannot trace, and tongue can never tell.

I can only convey in part to you my feelings by endeavoring, during the weeks to follow, to give you faithful service.

To express my gratitude, merit a continuance of your good opinion, and retain through life your friendship and good will, I shall earnestly labor, and to your service I dedicate my humble talents.

You have assembled at the Capitol of our beloved State to enter upon important duties.

We have been chosen by our constituents from among our fellowmen, to gather here and act for them. We are their representatives and it becomes our duty to carefully weigh and consider all proposed legislation, and with an eye single to the best interests of the whole people of this great State—Michigan, my Michigan; Michigan, your Michigan; Michigan, our Michigan!

It becomes us to be guided only by the deepest sense of right and justice, dictated to only by our own conscience. Let us stand up and acquit ourselves like men.

Knowing the honorable and able gentlemen who entertain opposing political views to the majority of this House, as I do, I know there will be no party lines drawn, or collision of party spirit.

I do not intend to take the floor in debate, but shall confine myself to the faithful and impartial discharge of the duties of the high office you have honored me with.

I have no suggestions to make as to the conduct of the business of the House, but simply desire to request your individual and collective assistance in making the session a short, businesslike, economical session.

The people of our beloved State love justice and demand equity and equality in bearing the burdens of taxation. They ask that every dollar's worth of assessable property within our borders bear its just, fair and equal share of the public tax. Not only because they ask it of us as their servants, but because it is eternally right, must we grant this righteous request.

Thorough, careful, conscientious research and investigation is the duty of every member, and independent, manly action should be our pride.

May the legislative fabrics we shall weave here day by day glitter and glisten with golden threads of harmony, justice, equality and independence, and may the great presiding officer of the universe guide our deliberations, and give us health, strength and courage to serve without fear or favor, the whole people of our magnificent State.

The Speaker announced that the next business in order was the election of a Speaker *pro tem*.

The roll then being called by the Clerk, the members voted as follows:

FOR GEORGE E. GILLAM.

Mr. Aldrich	Mr. Hammond	Mr. Pack
Alward	Handy	Pearson
Anderson	Hart	Phillips
Brownell	Hatzenbuhler	Randall
Burch	Heck	Read, J. H.
Babcock	Heineman	Reed, G. W.
Burfoot	Herrig	Reed, W. A.
Buskirk	Hofmeister	Robinson
Caldwell	Howell	Rulison
Carton	Keep	Scully
Chamberlain	Kelly	Shepherd
Cheever	Kerr	Shisler
Colby	Kingott	Soper
Collins	Lafamboy	Stewart
Crosby	Locher	Stumpenhuisen
Davis	Lugers	Sutherland
Dickinson	Lusk	Taziman
Dingley	McCall	Van Camp
Doyle	McCallum	Waterbury
Dudley	McKay	Watters
Duff	McLeod	Wayne
Eikhoff	Mason	Weier
Fleischhauer	Miller	Wells
Foster	Moore	Weter
Gillette	Murdoch	Wheeler
Goodell	Murphy	Whitney
Goodrich	Nash	Wing
Goodyear	Nevins	Wood
Gordon	Niedermeier	Woodruff
Gray	Oberdorffer	Speaker
Gustin		

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FOR AUGUST J. WEIER.

Mr. Gillam

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The Speaker announced that George E Gillam, having received a

majority of all the votes cast for the office of Speaker *pro tem.* was duly elected Speaker *pro tem.* of the House.

The Speaker announced that the next business in order was the election of a Clerk of the House.

The roll being called by the Journal Clerk of the last House, the members voted as follows:

FOR LEWIS M. MILLER.

Mr. Aldrich	Mr. Gordon	Mr. Niedermeier
Alward	Gray	Oberdorffer
Anderson	Gustin	Pack
Babcock	Hall	Pearson
Baumgärtner	Hammond	Phillips
Brownell	Handy	Randall
Bryan	Hart	Read, J. H.
Burch	Hatzenbuehler	Reed, G. W.
Burdick	Heck	Reed, W. A.
Burfoot	Heineman	Robinson
Buskirk	Herrig	Rulison
Caldwell	Hofmeister	Schmidt
Carton	Howell	Scully
Chamberlain	Keep	Shepherd
Ohandler	Kelly	Shisler
Cheever	Kerr	Soper
Colby	Kingott	Stewart
Collins	Laflamboy	Stumpenhusen
Colvin	Locher	Sutherland
Crosby	Lugers	Taziman
Davis	Lusk	Van Camp
Dickinson	McCall	Waterbury
Dingley	McCallum	Watters
Doyle	McKay	Wayne
Dudley	McLean	Weier
Duff	McLeod	Wells
Eikhoff	Mason	Weter
Fleischhauer	Miller	Wheeler
Foster	Moore	Whitney
Gillam	Murdoch	Wing
Gillette	Murphy	Wood
Goodell	Nash	Woodruff
Goodrich	Nevins	Speaker
Goodyear		

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The Speaker announced that Lewis M. Miller having received all of the votes cast for the office of Clerk, he was duly elected to the office of Clerk of the House.

The Speaker announced that the next business in order was the election of a Sergeant-at-Arms.

The roll being called by the Clerk, the members voted as follows:

FOR WILLIAM F. SHEPHERD.

Mr. Aldrich	Mr. Gordon	Mr. Niedermeier
Alward	Gray	Oberdorffer
Anderson	Gustin	Pack
Babcock	Hall	Pearson
Baumgærtner	Hammond	Phillips
Brownell	Handy	Randall
Bryan	Hart	Read, J. H.
Burch	Hatzenbuhler	Reed, G. W.
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Dingley	McCall	Waterbury
Doyle	McCallum	Watters
Dudley	McKay	Wayne
Duff	McLean	Weier
Eikhoff	McLeod	Wells
Fleischhauer	Mason	Weter
Foster	Miller	Wheeler
Gillam	Moore	Whitney
Gillette	Murdoch	Wing
Goodell	Murphy	Wood
Goodrich	Nash	Woodruff
Goodyear	Nevins	Speaker

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The Speaker announced that William F. Shepherd, having received a majority of all the votes cast for the office of Sergeant-at-Arms, he was duly elected Sergeant-at-Arms of the House.

Mr. Lusk offered the following:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed by the Speaker to inform the Senate that the House has completed its organization and is ready for business.

Which motion prevailed, and

The Speaker appointed as such committee Messrs. Lusk, Pack and Goodyear.

Mr. Dudley offered the following:

Resolved, That the rules governing the House of 1897, be and are hereby adopted as the rules for the government of the present House.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Cheever offered the following:

Resolved, That the usual privileges of the floor of the House be granted to the duly accredited representatives of the press during the session.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Gillam offered the following:

Resolved, That the Speaker be, and hereby is authorized to appoint a keeper of the Document Room, an assistant Document Room Keeper, messengers, keeper of the Cloak Room and a chief janitor and eight assistants; one janitor and one janitoress for the galleries; one Committee Room messenger, one Speaker's clerk, and one Speaker's messenger, one messenger for the Sergeant-at-Arms, and eleven messengers for the floor of the House.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Chamberlain offered the following:

Resolved, That the Clerk and the Journal Clerk be each authorized to appoint a stenographic clerk, and that the Clerk may appoint a messenger for his own desk and one for the proofroom.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Dingley offered the following:

Resolved, That a clerk be appointed to the representatives of the press by the Speaker, upon the recommendation of the newspaper men, who will report the daily sessions of the Legislature.

Which was adopted.

The Sergeant-at-Arms announced a committee from the Senate, who announced that the Senate had completed its organization and was ready for business.

Mr. Lusk offered the following:

Resolved, That the Sergeant-at-Arms be, and is hereby authorized and empowered to appoint three assistants to be designated respectively, First, Second, and Third Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Dudley offered the following:

Resolved, That the daily sessions of the House shall commence at 10 o'clock a. m. until further ordered.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Kelly offered the following:

Resolved, That during the Senatorial caucus this evening the floor of the House be reserved for the use of the members of the Senate and House, the State officers, members of the Supreme Court and ex-members of the Legislature, and that five admission tickets each be issued by the Speaker to the members of the Senate and House, to the Secretary of the Senate and Clerk of the House, and their staffs, and one each to the several representatives of the press.

Mr. Gustin moved that the resolution do lie on the table.

Which motion did not prevail.

The resolution was then adopted.

Mr. Gillam offered the following:

Resolved, That the Speaker be authorized to appoint a committee of three to act with a like committee on the part of the Senate to wait upon his Excellency, the Governor, and inform him that the two Houses have now completed their organization and are ready for business, and will be pleased to receive any communication from him which he may desire to make.

which was adopted.

The Speaker announced as such committee Messrs. Gillam, Babcock and Dingley.

Mr. Chamberlain offered the following:

Resolved, That the Speaker appoint a special committee of five members to investigate the contested election case of Gardiner vs. Schmidt, and that such committee have full power to subpoena witnesses and send for books, ballot boxes and all necessary papers, and to employ a stenographer to take testimony.

Which was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Phillips the House took a recess for fifteen minutes.

AFTER RECESS.

The House was called to order by the Speaker.

The committee appointed by the House to act with a like committee of the Senate to wait on the Governor, and ascertain when his Excellency will meet the two Houses in joint convention, returned and reported that the Governor named the hour of 1:30 o'clock p. m., of Thursday, January 5, as the time he will be pleased to meet the two Houses in joint convention.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

Mr. Gillam offered the following:

Resolved (the Senate concurring), That T. J. Clark be appointed Legislative Postmaster and C. N. Willis Assistant Postmaster for this session.

Pending the order that the resolution lie over one day under the rules,

On motion of Mr. Gillam,

The rules were suspended, two-thirds of all the members present voting therefor, and the resolution was put upon its immediate consideration.

The resolution was then adopted.

Mr. Gustin offered the following:

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed to determine the number of committee clerks required, to group the committees and to assign them rooms when appointed.

Which was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Shepherd,

The House adjourned.

{ REPRESENTATIVE HALL, LANSING,
{ Thursday, January 5, 1899.

The House met pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Swift.

Roll called: quorum present.

Absent without leave: Messrs. Hatzenbuehler, Kelly, Kingott, McLean and Shepherd.

On motion of Mr. Gillam.

Leave of absence was granted to all absentees for the day.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

The Speaker announced the following:

To the House of Representatives:

Pursuant to the rules of the House, I have made the following appointments:

Journal Clerk—Samuel F. Cook.

Bill Clerk—Fred Z. Hamilton.

Proof Reader—Robert S. Ramage.

Reading Clerk—Alex. H. Smith.

LEWIS M. MILLER,
Clerk.

The Speaker also announced the following:

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—Pursuant to resolution authorizing me so to do, I have made the following appointments:

First Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms—Tyler Carmer, of Oceana county.

Second Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms—John Torris, of Wayne county.

Third Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms—Charles S. Despres, of Grand Traverse.

WILLIAM F. SHEPHERD,
Sergeant-at-Arms.

The Speaker announced the following:

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—In accordance with the resolution of the House, I have this day appointed Frank H. Ellis, of Kent, as Journal Clerk's stenographer for the present session.

Respectfully,

SAMUEL F. COOK,
Journal Clerk.

The Speaker called to the desk Lewis M. Miller, Clerk; Samuel F. Cook, Journal Clerk; Fred Z. Hamilton, Bill Clerk; Robert S. Ramage, Proof Reader; Alex. H. Smith, Reading Clerk; William F. Shepherd, Sergeant-at-Arms; Tyler Carmer, First Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms; John Torris, Second Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms, and each of them took and subscribed the constitutional oath of office, and entered on their respective duties.

Mr. Dingley announced that himself, Mr. Dickinson and Mr. Van Camp had exchanged seats as follows:

Mr. Dickinson exchanges seat 76 for seat 99; Mr. Dingley exchanges seat 99 for seat 73, and Mr. Van Camp exchanges seat 73 for seat 76.

NOTICES.

Mr. Cheever gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to provide for the assessment and levy of taxes upon the property of railroad companies, express companies, telegraph companies and telephone companies, and the collection thereof, and the designation and election of a State Board of Assessors to make such assessment and levy, and defining the duties of such board, and the compensation of its members, and to repeal all other acts or parts of acts, whether in the acts for the incorporation of union railroad station and depot grounds, or any other law of this State, so far as such acts or parts of acts are inconsistent with this act, and no further, and to apply the taxes assessed and collected under this bill to "pay the interest upon the primary school, university and other educational funds, and the interest and principal of the State debt, in the order herein recited, until the extinguishment of the State debt, other than amounts due to educational funds, when such taxes to be collected under this act shall be added to and constitute a part of the primary school interest fund."

Mr. Alward gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to Legalize the Assessment Roll of the Township of Polkton, Ottawa county, for the year 1898.

Mr. Phillips offered the following:

Resolved, That the reading of the Daily Journal be dispensed with for the present session of the Legislature, and that the Clerk be authorized to make all necessary corrections therein from day to day.

Which was adopted, two-thirds of the members elect voting therefor.

Mr. Dudley offered the following:

Resolved, That the usual compensation of \$15.00 be paid to William E. Stocking, Sergeant-at-Arms of the previous House, for his attendance upon and services in the organization of the present House.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Chandler offered the following:

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That the Attorney General is hereby authorized and empowered to appoint a messenger for his office, to serve during the session of the Legislature.

Laid over one day under the rules.

Mr. Colby moved to reconsider the vote by which the House adopted the rules of the last House as the standing rules of the present House.

Mr. Chamberlain moved that the motion to reconsider do lie on the table.

Which motion prevailed.

Mr. Phillips offered the following:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to ascertain and report the amount of mileage for which the members, officers and employes of the House are entitled to draw pay.

(Mr. Phillips disclaimed any desire to act as Chairman of such committee.)

The resolution was adopted.

Mr. Lusk offered the following:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to consider and recommend with regard to a continuance of the method of stenographic reports of the record of the House as carried out in the last special session, and to report upon a plan, probable cost, etc., and report at their earliest convenience.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Pearson offered the following:

Resolved, That there be paid to Lewis M. Miller, Clerk of the last preceding House, and to Samuel F. Cook, of the last preceding House, the sum of \$25.00 and \$15.00, respectively, for their services in organizing the present House, and that orders be drawn accordingly.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Stewart offered the following:

Resolved by the House (the Senate concurring), That when the two Houses adjourn today, they stand adjourned until Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

Pending the order that the resolution lie over one day under the rules, On motion of Mr. Stewart,

The rules were suspended, two-thirds of all the members present voting therefor, and the resolution was put upon its immediate consideration.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution,

Mr. Hammond moved to amend the resolution so as to make the hour 4 o'clock p. m.

Which was accepted.

The resolution was then adopted.

On motion of Mr. Gillam,

The House took a recess until 1:15 o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

1:15 o'clock p. m.

The House met and was called to order by the Speaker.

Roll called: quorum present.

The Speaker announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, January 4, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed by the Senate to transmit to the House the following concurrent resolution:

Resolved by the Senate (the House concurring). That the Governor is hereby authorized to appoint a messenger for his office to serve during the session of the Legislature.

Which has been adopted by the Senate, and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,
CHARLES S. PIERCE,
Secretary of the Senate.

The question being on concurring in the adoption of the resolution,
The resolution was adopted.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, January 4, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed by the Senate to transmit to the House the following concurrent resolution:

Resolved (the House concurring), That the joint rules of the Senate and House of Representatives and the rules in joint convention of the Legislature of 1897 be adopted as the present joint rules, unless otherwise ordered.

Which has been adopted by the Senate, and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,
CHARLES S. PIERCE,
Secretary of the Senate.

The question being on concurring in the adoption of the resolution,
The resolution was adopted.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, January 4, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed by the Senate to transmit to the House the following concurrent resolution:

Resolved (the House concurring). That the two Houses meet in joint session at 1:30 p. m. to morrow for the purpose of receiving any communication the Governor may be pleased to make.

Which has been adopted by the Senate, and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,
CHARLES S. PIERCE,
Secretary of the Senate.

The question being on concurring in the adoption of the resolution,
The resolution was adopted.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, January 4, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed by the Senate to transmit to the House the following concurrent resolution:

Resolved (the House concurring), That Thomas J. Clark, of Gratiot county, be and is hereby appointed Legislative Postmaster, and C. N. Willis, of Allegan county, be and is hereby appointed Assistant Legislative Postmaster.

Which has been adopted by the Senate, and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,
CHARLES S. PIERCE,
Secretary of the Senate.

The question being on concurring in the adoption of the resolution,
The resolution was adopted.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, January 4, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed by the Senate to transmit to the House the following concurrent resolution:

Resolved (the House concurring), That the Legislative Postoffice be kept open every week day from 8 o'clock a. m. to 8 o'clock p. m., and on each Sunday from 12 o'clock until 1 o'clock p. m., and that the mail be delivered to the Lansing postoffice in time for the outgoing trains on Sunday evenings.

Which has been adopted by the Senate, and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,
CHARLES S. PIERCE,
Secretary of the Senate.

The question being on concurring in the adoption of the resolution,

Mr. Howell moved to amend the resolution by making the hour for the closing of the Postoffice 9 o'clock p. m.

Which motion did not prevail.

The resolution was then adopted.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, January 4, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House the following concurrent resolution:

Resolved by the House (the Senate concurring). That when the two Houses adjourn today that they stand adjourned until Wednesday next at 4 o'clock p. m.

In the adoption of which the Senate has concurred by a majority vote of all the Senators elect.

Very respectfully,
CHARLES S. PIERCE,
Secretary of the Senate.

The message was laid on the table.

The Speaker also announced the appointment of the committee on the Saginaw county contested election case as follows: Messrs. Chamberlain, Anderson, Gustin, Scully and Weier.

The Speaker also announced as the committee to report on the feasibility of stenographic reports of the doings of the House, Messrs. Lusk, Eikhoff and Shisler.

Mr. Gillam moved a committee of three be appointed to wait on the Senate and inform that body that the House is prepared to receive them in joint convention.

Which motion prevailed, and

The Speaker appointed as such committee Messrs. Gillam, Dingley and Weier.

After a short absence the committee returned and reported that they had performed the duty assigned them, and were discharged.

On motion of Mr. Collins,

Leave of absence was granted to himself until Monday, January 16th.

The Sergeant-at-Arms announced the Honorable, the Senate, who were conducted to seats.

PROCEEDINGS IN JOINT CONVENTION.

The joint convention was called to order by the Honorable O. W. Robinson, Lieutenant Governor, President of the Senate and President of the joint convention.

The roll of the Senate was called by the Secretary thereof, and a quorum of the Senators was present.

The roll of the House was called by the Clerk thereof, and a quorum of the members was present.

The President announced that the two Houses had met in joint convention to receive the message of the outgoing and incoming Governor, Honorable Hazen S. Pingree.

Mr. Chamberlain moved that a committee of five, two from the Senate and three from the House, be appointed to invite the attendance of the justices of the supreme court and the State officers at the joint convention.

Which motion prevailed, and

The President announced as such committee Senators Blakeslee and Ward, and Representatives Cheever, Pack and Kerr.

After a short absence the committee returned and announced that they had performed the duty assigned them, and were discharged.

Mr. Stewart moved that a committee of three be appointed, one from the Senate and two from the House, to wait on the Governor and request his attendance at the joint convention.

Which motion prevailed, and

The President announced as such committee Senator Wagner and Representatives Stewart and Howard.

After a short absence the committee returned and reported that they had performed the duty assigned them and were discharged.

The Sergeant-at-Arms announced the Honorable the justices of the Supreme Court and the State officers in attendance, and they were conducted to seats.

The Sergeant-at-Arms announced His Excellency, the Governor, in attendance, and he was conducted to a seat.

His Excellency the Governor then read his message, in accordance with the requirements of the constitution, as follows:

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE.

To the Honorable the Senate and House of Representatives:

It is my duty and privilege to address you, by message, as the Chief Executive of this State, upon such matters of State policy and State government as affect the general welfare. The needs of a great commonwealth like ours are many. Its necessities are varied. Its interests are the interests of over two and one-half millions of people. We live in an age of rapid changes, and more rapid development. Our State may be justly proud of its position in the Union. None has greater possibilities. Our agricultural resources are constantly growing in magnitude; the wealth of our forests is fast disappearing, but yet a source of pride; our minerals in extent and quality stand first in the Union. Michigan is in a better position to take advantage of the great inland merchant marine than any other state. It possesses an educational system unsurpassed by that of any other state or country, which is fully designed to develop the highest type of American citizenship. Its University, the pride of its own citizens, is also the pride of the country at large, and constitutes a lasting monument to the State's devotion to learning, to art, and the sciences. Its citizens are intelligent and patriotic. Peace and good order has prevailed within its borders. During the depression of recent years its financial institutions have, to as large an extent as anywhere, maintained their standing. Its manufacturing institutions, giving employment to hundreds of thousands, have survived the ordeal of distress and disaster consequent upon the panic. Its farm labor has maintained its independence. The last two years have been characterized by good health and a freedom from epidemics. Every sign now indicates that under the blessings of Providence, and a wise administration of the law, Michigan is about to enter upon a new and yet greater era of prosperity and development. To this end I invite careful attention to the recommendations herein contained.

STATE INSTITUTIONS.

In proportion with the increase of population there is an increase of the needs and requirements of the State institutions, especially of those devoted to educational and charitable objects. Our asylums, devoted to the care of the most unfortunate wards of the State, are constantly crowded. Not having at hand the means of preventing the increase of in-

sanity, we can only continue to provide more room and additional facilities for the care, nurture and treatment of its victims. The four asylums devoted to this purpose are under the care and management of competent superintendents and assistants, and it will devolve upon you to give them such support in their labors as the condition of their patients may require.

CARE OF CHILDREN.

The State has created at large expense five institutions for the care of children and persons of tender age. The home for abandoned and neglected children, at Coldwater, I deem one of its most excellent charities. Under the care and management of a competent superintendent, and an excellent board of control, homeless and abandoned waifs from all over the State there find a comfortable abiding place, surrounded by every care that can be given them, until more permanent homes can be found for them among the charitable people of the State. To deprive this institution of what it needs would be false economy and would be closing the door against the exercise of a noble charity.

The law regulating the adoption of children from this institution should be exceedingly stringent in protecting the rights of the natural parent, and this, too, before the rights of foster-parents may intervene. Just before the adoption of a child there should be an exact and detailed report, by an officer of the institution on the ground, as to whether or not the child may be safely returned to its natural parent.

The School for the Deaf, located at Flint, is one of the State institutions that is perhaps better known without the borders of Michigan than any other, except the University. Because of its excellent management and most perfect system of instruction, and of the high character and ability of its faculty, it is recognized as a model institution, not only throughout the United States, but also in foreign countries. At the National College for the instruction of the deaf at Washington, the graduates from this institution take the highest rank.

It can be truthfully said of this school that every graduate is self-supporting—a statement which perhaps cannot be made concerning any similar school having an attendance equally as large.

The school is fully abreast with the times, both the oral and the sign language being taught, as are trades and occupations of different kinds best adapted to the qualifications of the pupils.

Great improvements in methods have been inaugurated of late years by experts in the art of teaching the deaf. The sign language has whenever possible been abandoned for the oral method. Schools have been established in some of the states for the teaching of the deaf in connection with the public schools, especially in localities where five or more of such

unfortunates reside. The care and education of a child is properly the function of the parent and not of the State. I commend to your attention, therefore, a system of teaching the deaf at their homes, under the supervision and guidance of the management of this institution, and I do this especially because the faculty of the school is well equipped for the education and training of teachers of the deaf. From the report which will be submitted to your honorable bodies by the management of this school it will be ascertained that some of the buildings have received but little repair internally and no embellishment externally by paint or otherwise for a long period of time, and have anything but a presentable external appearance, and I most earnestly recommend that in making an appropriation for the maintenance of this institution, and the necessary equipment and building therewith connected, provision be made for properly painting and beautifying the exterior of this most creditable institution.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL FOR BOYS.

The institution for the care of juvenile offenders, located at Lansing, is under excellent management. Its hundreds of little inmates are given the best substitute for a good home and parental care that the State can furnish. Many boys of very tender years, so young that, in my opinion, they could have but little appreciation of the fact that they had transgressed the law, find their way to it. I advise the adoption of such reasonable measures as will make it impossible for parents to have children sent to this school, either because they wish to be rid of the obligation and expense of caring for them, or because they think the school presents better facilities for training them. I also recommend that every inducement for county agents and others to bring children to the home, such as the payment of mileage for bringing them here, be removed. This system is an outrage on youth and places a premium on a decision against them. I make these recommendations, fully appreciating the fact that many boys leave the school better prepared to maintain themselves perhaps, than if they had been continued in the environments of their own homes.

It seems unreasonable to punish a boy 10 or 11 years old for having committed an offence, even though he may not know what an offence is, and leave the parent, who has neglected his child, not only to go unpunished, but to be rewarded for his carelessness and indifference by having the State clothe, feed and educate his offspring. In every case possible the State should hold the parent responsible for the maintenance and education of the son sent to this school.

Both this institution and the School for the Blind are located in this city, and you will have ample opportunity during the

present session of the Legislature to become acquainted with the work done by them.

I have devoted this much space to these institutions designed for the care and protection of the young, because I believe they should continue to be the objects of a tender solicitude on the part of the State as they have been in the past. You can do no greater work than to improve in every way the conditions and opportunities of this class of the State's wards.

HOME FOR THE FEEBLE MINDED.

The home for the Feeble Minded and Epileptic, located at Lapeer, is one of the newer institutions of the State. To its management and methods I invite your careful attention.

CENTRAL BOARD OF CONTROL.

I submit for your consideration the recommendation that there be created a central board of control of all the institutions of the State, and that the system of separate boards now in vogue be abolished as a step in the direction of economy.

IONIA REFORMATORY.

I will dispense with specific recommendations as to the several institutions, except in the case of the State House of Correction and Reformatory at Ionia. This institution is legally termed a reformatory, but its province as such has been lost by the confinement within it of some of the most hardened criminals, as well as young and first offenders. The law permitting the sentencing of old and hardened criminals to it should be amended, so as to prevent this objectionable practice, and only first offenders, and the younger class of convicts should be confined there. The intermingling of youths with those who have become hardened and habitual criminals, works great harm to the former.

COST OF MAINTAINING STATE INSTITUTIONS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE BOARD OF CORRECTIONS AND CHARITIES FOR THE FISCAL YEARS 1897 AND 1898:

University of Michigan.....	1897	\$193,410.18
	1898	328,406.39
State Normal School.....	1897	78,239.16
	1898	89,517.98
Agricultural College.....	1897	53,590.00
	1898	74,200.00
Central Michigan Normal School.....	1897	6,000.00
	1898	18,200.00
Michigan College of Mines.....	1897	40,000.00
	1898	40,666.66
	1898	39,891.66
Industrial Home for Girls.....	1897	49,293.80

Industrial School for Boys.....	1897	\$67,500.00
	1898	65,999.99
State House of Correction.....	1897	56,000.00
	1898	59,200.00
State House of Correction and Branch Prison, U. P.....	1897	40,000.00
	1898	37,700.00
State Prison.....	1897	17,750.00
	1898	10,000.00
Michigan Soldiers' Home.....	1897	68,000.00
	1898	73,333.34
State Public School.....	1897	35,767.00
	1898	30,999.98
School for the Deaf.....	1897	68,750.00
	1898	91,635.69
School for the Blind.....	1897	25,000.00
	1898	26,671.71
Home for Feeble Minded.....	1897	44,000.00
	1898	80,755.58
Eastern Michigan Asylum.....	1897	146,274.88
	1898	142,009.17
Michigan Asylum.....	1897	170,843.75
	1898	187,409.57
Northern Michigan Asylum.....	1897	162,198.80
	1898	156,494.79
Asylum for D. and C. Insane.....	1897	67,302.12
	1898	46,072.72
U. P. Hospital for Insane.....	1897	84,920.17
	1898	97,295.63

In the interest of brevity I have not at this time made such recommendations in detail as the importance of many of our State institutions requires, reserving the right to communicate to you at greater length as the occasion may require.

INSURANCE.

More than one billion dollars of insurance is carried upon the lives and property of Michigan citizens. Twelve millions of dollars are paid annually in premiums. So universal has become insurance protection, that few persons are now without it in some form.

The work of the Insurance Department of the State during the last two years is so well known as to require no comment here. The annual saving to the people of the State of more than three hundred thousand dollars in fire premiums alone is a record to be proud of.

The closing up of more than thirty irresponsible companies, the arrest and conviction of several offenders, together with other effective work, has demonstrated that the department has been well administered. I believe, however, that more stringent laws are needed along many lines. Two years ago

in my inaugural message I recommended that the anti-compact law relating to fire insurance be amended so as to include Michigan as well as foreign companies. Conforming to such suggestion the House, by unanimous vote, passed a bill and sent it to the Senate. For some reason, known only to the few, the Senate Committee, though urgently requested to do so, could not be induced to report the bill to the Senate for action. Again I recommend that this law be amended so as to make it possible to break and crush out the trust and compact by which rates are now practically beyond competition.

Owing to the nature of the insurance business the policy holder can know very little as to the solvency or methods of the companies with which he insures. For this reason, the department having supervisory powers over these companies should not only be charged with painstaking responsibility, but should be clothed with ample authority to immediately apply for receivers for home companies and to revoke the license of foreign companies when they are found violating the laws of the State, and that without being subjected to the delays of months and years of litigation in federal courts.

The assets and reserves of insurance companies ought to be sacredly guarded by the most stringent laws.

No company should be permitted to hold itself out to the public under false colors, nor to solicit business by false representations. There is room for various kinds and plans of insurance. In the field of life insurance, mortality has become so well known that, when the State grants a license to a company, with permission to advertise and solicit business, the State ought to make certain that the plan of insurance and the law under which the company is incorporated is sufficient to make the company what it pretends to be—a life insurance company, and not one for a few years only. The payment of losses for a few years will afford little or no excuse for carrying hundreds of members beyond an insurable period through age and infirmity and then leaving them without indemnity or possibility of getting it.

It is your duty to carefully investigate these and other matters in this field, and when they are called to your attention to give them thoughtful consideration.

BUILDING AND LOAN ASSOCIATIONS.

There are about eighty building and loan associations doing business in this State and all but two or three of them are organized under the laws of Michigan. While these associations have been instrumental in doing much good and have furnished to many persons of moderate means the facilities with which to provide themselves homes, yet so extensive have become their operations that the State should proceed at once to exercise over them the closest supervision. There are more than forty thousand members of these associations in the

State most of them being persons in moderate circumstances. The twelve million dollars of savings now to the credit of these members means much more to them than many times such sum to ordinary bank depositors.

While these associations are purely mutual, the members generally have no means or opportunity to personally investigate their financial condition. The laws and charters in most cases provide for long terms for the officers, so that a change of management is practically impossible, at least for several years.

Like banks and insurance companies these associations should be examined annually at least, and as much oftener as necessity may require. The supervision and examination of these associations, like that of banks and insurance companies, should be at the expense of the associations examined, this expense being provided for either by annual license fee or pro rata upon business in force. I also commend to you for consideration the uncertainty of contracts in these associations as to time of maturity, and to the promises held out to secure business many of which are impossible of fulfillment.

I would recommend that the supervision and examination of these associations be delegated to the Insurance Department, and not to any new department to be organized for this express purpose.

RAILROADS.

Michigan may justly be proud of her transportation facilities. Surrounded as it is by the great lakes, the tonnage of which increases with business, its facilities in this respect, through competition, have a tendency to keep down railroad rates to a point as low as those of any other state. Michigan has seven thousand nine hundred (7,900) miles of railroads, the extent having been increased during the past year by the addition of two hundred miles. Extensions of main lines and branches are constantly being made, progress in this direction being as great as that of any state in the Union. Railroad earnings have increased over those of last year fully 15 per cent.

In exercising its police power over railroad corporations the State has met with a prompt obedience to its orders. New and improved safety appliances for the security of the lives of passengers and others have been adopted. Additional train men have been employed on passenger trains on many systems where, in the opinion of the Railroad Department, such additional force was conducive to the safety and convenience of passengers. The question of the separation of grades at dangerous points in cities has been taken up and a solution of the problem attempted. I am informed that legislation is needed to perfect the plan already outlined in the law governing this subject. The problem of the division of the expense between

the municipalities and the railroad is an important one, to the solution of which I call your attention.

The repeal of the special charters, granted to certain companies when the State was new and undeveloped, is now demanded in the interest of justice.

There has been created within this State a class of corporations known as suburban railways, which do a very profitable business. Some of them are operating under the general railroad law of the State, and others are doing business under what is known as the street railway law. They are performing in many cases the duties of steam railroads in the carrying of freight and passengers. The police power of the State over this class of corporations is poorly defined. Regulations for the safety of persons and property carried by them have not been adopted by the State. I therefore urgently recommend that the State have the same supervisory control over the conduct of their business that it has over that of steam railroads, and that they be placed under the supervision of the Commissioner of Railroads.

TAXATION.

Equal taxation has ever been the paramount problem involved in civil government. The best thinkers in every age have grappled with the question but as yet we are, apparently, as far from a perfect system as we were half a century ago. It is one of the principal objects of government to equalize public burdens, and both the constitution and the law, in form, at least, contain a guarantee of it. The question of equal taxation has become the most important question in this State. Thousands of its citizens have expressed not only their approval of it, but their disapproval of the present system as applied to certain classes of property. The great political parties have declared in favor of it, public speakers have aided in educating the people as to the details of an improved method, and indeed, I may say no one has ever opposed it, except the lobbyist and the special interests benefited. The present State administration, by which I mean not only the State officers, but also the legislative branch of the government, has been placed in power with the express understanding that some action looking to an equitable system of taxation be taken at once.

In former messages I have called the attention of the Legislature to the specific wrongs existing in our present system. Figures have been presented upon the subject, comparisons have been made between our own system and the systems of other states and the benefit of following the legislation of sister states along certain lines has been so clearly defined that I do not feel inclined to repeat here what has already been said. I respectfully call attention, however, to the recommendations heretofore made and commend them

to your careful perusal, to the same extent as if the matter were embodied in this message to you upon the subject.

The average rate of taxation for all purposes in this State, exclusive of the special improvement tax, is not far from 2½ per cent on the dollar. The most careful research that can be made develops the fact that the rate paid by the corporations that are now taxed on their earnings or income is about 6-10 of 1 per cent. In other words, individual property pays \$25 upon \$1,000 of valuation, while the property of those quasi-corporations pays \$6 upon \$1,000 of actual value. A continuation of this inequality is wholly inconsistent with the faithful discharge of our duty to the public.

There is no reason why the land, buildings and other property of these corporations should be more sacred in our eyes, or should receive more favor at our hands, than the land, buildings and other property of a citizen. The question whether railroad business is profitable, has nothing whatever to do with the mode of taxing it. The income or profit of a railroad company would have to do with the fixing of the value of the property, but not with the system of taxation. A vacant store or dwelling is not as profitable as one rented and producing an income, but could we, by any argument, show that a building should pay a tax upon its earnings, because its location was unfavorable and the investment not profitable?

The farmer and merchant is not asked whether his business is profitable when the tax levy is made. He is confronted simply with the statement of the State's need, accompanied by the State's demand for money. The argument that a different rule should apply to corporation property is the argument of the lobbyist and those specially interested.

The argument that these corporations are quasi-public in their nature and are controlled, to a certain extent, by laws that are made for their government by the State wherein their tolls and rates of fare is fixed, is just as weak when used as an argument that a different system of taxation should prevail as when applied to the vacant store. These corporations, by the very reason of being quasi-public, are endowed with powers that an individual cannot exercise. Under the right of eminent domain, they may enter upon the premises of the individual and take his property for their own use and benefit. They have the right of perpetual charters and other privileges, and the fact that they are granted these powers and privileges makes it necessary that the State, in a measure, legislate for their government—else there would be no guarantee that the property thus taken by the power granted by the State would be used in the interest of the public.

If the State should exercise an authority over a corporation in fixing its tolls and throw around it other restrictions that would make unprofitable the operation of the system, its value

would be thereby decreased, and it would be right to consider this fact in fixing the value of the property. The State has never yet legislated to oppress, bankrupt or destroy the railroad corporations and has only used its power to prohibit oppression and extortion against those of its citizens, who were unable, except under the law, to protect themselves. I understand that a mile of railroad in the barren plains of Northern Michigan is not as profitable as a mile of railroad in the thickly populated and fertile fields of Washtenaw county. Neither is 160 acres of poor land in the Northern part of Michigan as profitable as 160 acres of land in Washtenaw county, but each should be taxed at what it is worth, and under the same system. This is all I ask from corporations, and the people of this State will not hold him guiltless who is willing to accept less.

I speak now of the methods of taxation. There should be but one rule and one method in order to create an equality before the taxing law. There may be a difference in the manner of determining the value of different kinds of property. When that question is reached, it can be solved by the proper authorities, but the rule of taxation should be a simple one and applied to all alike. When I say that there should be one rule of taxation applied to all property, I do not mean that railroad property should be taxed locally in the different assessment districts. It is neither necessary nor advisable to submit this property to the prejudice of a local assessor, who might by reason of his want of knowledge of its value, be incompetent to assess it fairly. Nor do I deem the system of local taxation as applied to this class of property a just one, for the reason that the great lines of railroad, having the most valuable equipment, the most valuable right of way, and the most valuable franchises are located in the older and more thickly populated portions of the State. In these sections the rate of taxation in some instances is as low as 1 per cent upon a dollar of value, while these railroads have the largest earnings. On the other hand, those railroads having less valuable rights of way, less extensive equipments and less valuable franchises and the earnings of which are greatly less, are located in the sparsely settled portions of the State, where the average local rate is, in some instances, as high as 6 per cent.

It is easy to see, therefore, that local taxation of railroad property would place the heaviest burden upon the least valuable property engaged in the business. There is a more potent reason, however, if possible, against the local taxation of railroads than the one above stated, and that is that it has been not only the law but the custom of the State for many years to devote the taxes obtained from these corporations to some portion of the primary school fund. This plan has been as equitable as it has been satisfactory. These corporations derive their power, their rights and their privileges from the

State at large, and taxes derived from them can, in my opinion, be most reasonably applied to a fund created for the benefit of all sections of the State, whether a railroad is there located or not.

In order to accomplish the object above stated—that of devoting the taxes derived from these corporations to the primary school fund—it was deemed necessary to assess and levy the taxes against this class of property by means of a State board, created for that and other purposes, and to have the taxes when levied paid directly into the State treasury. This method is simple and comparatively inexpensive and cannot be complained of for any good reason. It is the method of the Atkinson Bill, so-called, and in that form has received an endorsement of the people of this State. This board should be composed of experts, well equipped by experience and ability to place a proper value upon the property within its jurisdiction. It is neither necessary nor advisable to provide cumbersome or technical machinery for the accomplishment of the desired end. I therefore recommend to you the creation of a State board whose business it shall be to determine the value of this and other property of quasi-public corporations and to levy an assessment thereon, and that the tax so levied shall be paid into the primary school fund under the provisions of the act.

The argument has been presented in certain quarters that an inequality exists in the assessment and taxation of other properties than those above mentioned. Granting this to be true, it does not affect the merits of the plan proposed. It simply casts upon you another duty—that of readjusting the assessment laws of the State, in order that all property within the State shall be placed upon the assessment roll at its true value. When this argument that other property is escaping taxation is used by the lobbyist it is used to create a prejudice against a good measure and not for the purpose of having you pass two good measures which shall remove all injustice. There is no objection to having the board created for the purpose of assessing railway property, clothed with power by a separate bill, to have direct supervision of the assessment and levy of the tax upon all property in the State. Indeed, in some states having laws far in advance of those upon our statute books, a central board is given power to fix the value of standard property throughout the state and the local assessor is deprived of such power. The tax dodger is an enemy of the State, and should be treated as such, whether a railroad corporation or a private individual. The power to remedy both evils is in your hands, and it is made your duty to use it. The greater the existing evil, the less justification will there be for the adjournment of your session without taking final action. Permitting one evil to continue to exist, because you have not the inclination to correct both, will not,

in my judgment, be accepted by the people of the State as an excuse for the non-performance of your duty.

It has been urged that because the Michigan Central and the Detroit, Grand Haven & Milwaukee Railroad companies are doing business under special charters, purporting to grant them special privileges, you cannot reach the most valuable property in the state, and therefore you should not reach any of it. I will not burden you with reasoning out this proposition to its conclusion, feeling satisfied that it will have no weight with you. The power rests with you to deal with it fully. If you desire to settle the question of taxing railroad properties as a separate proposition, you can repeal or amend the provisions of the special charters so that these companies will come under the general tax law of the State, and I recommend that this be done. And the question of damages for bringing them under the general tax law can be settled as a separate and distinct proposition in the courts or elsewhere. Yielding to the justness of the State's claim for more taxes from them, both companies named have paid their taxes for the year 1897, under the general law, and the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern charter has been held by the Supreme Court of this State to have been abrogated. I am convinced that by the simple methods above pointed out you can readily reach a definite and satisfactory result.

A familiar argument used by those interested in these corporations is that, if the tax is increased on property by treating it the same as individual property, the people must suffer by an increase in the charge for the transportation of freight and the carriage of passengers. This argument is as weak as the other. All persons do not travel or have freight charges to pay, and we have no right to assess the whole people of the State for the benefit of those who have occasion to use cars for the transportation of passengers or freight. You might as well argue that the merchant should not pay taxes on his merchandise, else he would be compelled to charge his customers higher prices, and that the farmer should not pay taxes on his farm, else he must receive higher prices for his product. The difficulty with this sort of argument is that all the people are not affected alike. All are interested in the tax that every other individual or corporation pays, but they are not all interested in what John Doe pays for railroad transportation or Richard Roe pays for a pound of tea or a bushel of potatoes. A system of taxation to be just must make no distinctions. It must treat the rich and the poor alike. The railroad president and the hod-carrier should know no distinction before the law, nor should a railroad corporation pay $\frac{1}{2}$ of 1 per cent upon its actual value under one system of taxation, and a banking corporation pay $2\frac{1}{2}$ per cent on the value of its property under another system, while both are equally protected and have the same privileges under the law of the State.

The right to tax is one of the sovereign powers of the State. The right to regulate tolls is a police power and incident to its existence. The State is charged with the duty of exercising its sovereignty justly under the Constitution. The exercise of police power depends upon its discretion. It must exercise the one to maintain its existence; it must use the other in a wise and proper regulation of its affairs.

Under our present system we tax railroads upon their gross earnings. The method itself as applied to interstate roads has been held by high authority to be a tax upon interstate commerce and, therefore, void. No company has cared to test this question in the courts and the State cannot do so. But, independent of this question, the method is unjust. The tax upon the earnings or income operates in favor of the railroad companies. When the times are hard and the earnings smaller, the tax is less. In the meantime the State's burdens are no less, and may, perhaps, have increased, and the relief accorded to the railroad companies during these hard times and depression must be borne by the property owners generally. Thus, during times of depression, when the people are less able to pay, their burdens are increased, and just to the extent that the railroad companies' burdens are diminished.

What would be the result if the State attempted to collect the entire burden of a tax upon earnings or income? How much would the farmer or merchant have contributed from 1893 to 1897? The result would have been that the State would have received but little if any income and would have been bankrupt and unable to meet its obligations. Under a law that provides for a tax upon earnings and incomes the State is at a great disadvantage. It has no way of determining what the earnings are. There are upwards of eighty railroads doing business in the State of Michigan, operating nearly eight thousand miles of railroad, with thousands of book-keepers and employes, who have charge of the collections and other business of the companies, and who alone are familiar with the amount of business done at the point where they are located. It is impossible to interview all these individuals and it becomes necessary to take a statement of earnings furnished by each company. In other words, the State must ask the railroads how much taxes they are to pay, instead of telling them the amount required as their portion of the burden. From the railroad or corporation taxpayer the State is commanded to take such portion as the corporation has determined it is entitled to receive. How this system has been tolerated all these years is something I cannot understand. There must be something about great wealth or power that affects legislators without their knowledge or belief, and it is evident that the legislators of Michigan are no exception to the rule.

The United States Government is paying the same amount per pound for carrying the United States mail that it did

twenty-five years ago, and now the railroads are carrying tons, where they carried hundred-weights then. This rate is six times as much as express companies pay these same railroads for carrying express matter. These roads received for the use of mail cars per year nearly the entire first costs of the car.

When the present Congress, the very embodiment of patriotism, was preparing a revenue bill to pay the expenses of the war with Spain for the liberating and uplifting of the oppressed and downtrodden of Cuba, it, too, exhibited a due appreciation of corporate wealth, when it exempted from taxation the telegraph monopoly. This corporation, that received millions of dollars in increased earnings by reason of the war that was being waged in the interest of humanity, was left exempt from taxation, notwithstanding other corporations throughout the country, notably banking institutions, many of which had become nearly bankrupt during depression and hard times, were taxed 2-10 of 1 per cent on their capital and compelled to put a revenue stamp on every draft they issued. The telegraph monopoly paid no tax on its capital and is even exempted from putting stamps on messages used by itself in its own business. The same bill provided for a tax of 10 cents per pound on tea and the ordinary mechanic earning \$9 per week has paid more on his tea alone in a single week towards bringing this war for humanity to a successful termination than the great telegraph trust.

Still, they say there is no corruption in Congress, because some of our statesmen, who helped to frame this revenue bill, claim that they are not rich, but that they could have been had they been dishonest. It seems to me, however, that it makes no difference to the people of this State whether such legislation was brought about by the use of franks or favor, by the use of cash in hand paid, or by reason of the lack of intelligence on the part of the framers of the bill. The effect is the same, and the people suffer the same.

On a former occasion when the Legislature of Michigan was called upon to take action relative to equalizing the burdens of State, and there was introduced in the Legislature for that purpose what was known as the Atkinson Bill, the same love of money and corrupt greed was taken advantage of to defeat the bill, and how successfully is well known to you all. Persons in high positions and those who have been greatly honored by the people of Michigan, became hired lobbyists in the interests of greed, and representatives of the national government, from whom we had at least a right to expect common honesty, used their entire influence to defeat the will of the people. They appointed to the highest positions within their gift those who had been the most servile tools of corruption during those memorable sessions, and reappointed those who had resigned their commission to do their behest. One was reappointed from the collecting district of Port Huron, where

it costs 60 per cent of all the money collected to pay the expenses of collecting it.

Is it any wonder that under such a condition of things, the common citizen feels that there must be something wrong with those entrusted to govern? Let us, in dealing with this question, do that which our conscience dictates as equity and justice. Let us do justice to the railroad companies and to the individual taxpayer. Let us not demand from railroad corporations more than we exact from individual property. Let us evolve a system of taxation that will be just to all alike. We should not ask from corporate property more than is its due. To accept less would be dishonest to the individual.

I am satisfied that we should in some manner raise sufficient revenue for State expenses without having to apportion a direct tax among the counties of the State. This system is vicious. It puts a premium on dishonest appraisalment and permits the county to receive the benefit of its own wrong. Each county is trying to keep down its valuation in order to pay as little as possible of the State tax, and the result is that while some counties are assessed at practically their cash value, others are only assessed at 50 or 60 per cent of their cash value, and this apportionment is frequently made worse by the State Board of Equalization. If this apportionment were done away with there would be no object for the county to keep down its assessment. Each county would then have to work out its own salvation, and no county would be affected by the assessment in another.

I am in favor of an income tax. I believe that an income tax, based upon a very low percentage, and to a certain extent graduated, would be a benefit to the State and would not be oppressive to any one. Great numbers of people in this State, receiving large salaries, reap the benefit of our schools and State institutions without paying a tax of any kind. I would suggest that all incomes up to one thousand dollars be exempt from taxation; that incomes from one to two thousand dollars be taxed at the rate of $\frac{1}{4}$ of 1 per cent; all incomes between two and four thousand dollars, $\frac{1}{2}$ of 1 per cent; all incomes between four and six thousand dollars, 1 per cent, and in the same proportion as the incomes increase in amount. I think this would make unnecessary any direct levy against the various counties of the State.

FRANCHISE GRABBING.

The recent emphatic protest of the people of Chicago against the granting of a fifty-year street car franchise has brought a very important question again before the public.

From the time of the establishment of street railways in this country, the rate of fare has been five cents. While the cost of operation has been greatly reduced, no reduction has been made in fares.

The first important change in this regard occurred in the City of Detroit where a franchise was granted for several miles of track on the basis of a three-cent fare with universal transfers. The establishment of this system aroused the street railway interests all over the country, and the laws which this combination secured from the legislatures of several states have been condemned by the press and public of the entire country.

The most outrageous of these acts were those passed in Ohio and Illinois where existing laws were amended by giving boards of aldermen power to grant rights in the streets for a period of fifty years. The passage of these acts, so evidently the result of unblushing corruption, has served to convince the public of the immense value of privilegees heretofore given away.

The people of Detroit and Michigan are no less interested in this matter than are those of Chicago and Illinois. In Detroit within a very few years will expire the franchises of the Citizens' Street Railway Company, covering all the best routes of the city, and even now the officers of the company are busy explaining why they cannot accept an extension on the basis of lower fares.

In the face of the successful operation of an existing three-cent line, the granting of further rights to this company, excepting upon the terms at least as favorable to the public as are now enjoined upon the Detroit railway lines, will be an outrage upon the people of Detroit.

The reappearance in the city council of men who have been heretofore closely identified with street railway interests is not reassuring to those who have the city's interests at heart. But what are the public to do about it?

In my opinion, the matter is one that demands action at your hands. The remedies I would propose are: (1) The passage of an act making it requisite to the validity of a franchise in the streets of any municipality that the ordinance granting such rights shall be voted upon and approved by the citizens. (2) The passage of an act giving to the people of any municipality the right to establish and maintain their own street car system.

The arguments in favor of municipal ownership are too many to be stated here in detail, but a few may be briefly stated: (1) The taking out of the control of the council of a matter which has always, in large cities, been the most fruitful source of municipal corruption. (2) The tendency of a public plant to give the greatest consideration to the lives and comfort of passengers. (3) The tendency of such a system to confine the tracks to as few streets as possible, instead of as in the franchise system to cover as many as possible. (4) The reduction of fares to as low a point as is consistent with the cost of maintenance.

The existence in Detroit of a public lighting plant, and the complete success of its operation, certainly is a very strong

argument in favor of the success of a city railway system. But whether or not it be considered expedient to establish a public plant at this time, the passage of an act giving the city the power to do so would be a great benefit to the public in any negotiations with private corporations. As matters stand now, the city is absolutely at the mercy of the street car companies.

TRUSTS AND COMBINES.

There is no feature of our times that should so alarm the patriot, nor is there any so well calculated to drive the well-meaning legislator to despair, as that which confronts us on all sides in the rapid concentration of all the productive energies of the nation in the hands of overgrown corporations, or multiple corporations called trusts; or, where more solid combinations cannot be effected, by means of intercorporate agreements for the purpose of limiting competition, and controlling prices. The process began with the means of transportation and intercommunication, namely, the railroads, telegraph lines and telephones. In spite of the feeble effort of the federal interstate commerce law to check the tendency, it has continued almost uninterruptedly, and promises to continue in the future.

Indeed, the process of concentration of ownership and management has proceeded much more rapidly since that law was passed than before. Where purchases or lease could not be effected, traffic agreements have been entered into which accomplish the purpose almost as effectively. Where these agreements have been open and public, the commission has in some instances interposed a check, but such interruptions to the process have only driven the promoters to more ingenious and secret devices to evade the law. It is no extravagance of despair to anticipate the time, in the not distant future, when the passenger and freight rates on every train traversing the country, when the charges for telegraph and telephone services in every state, and the ownership and control of every street car line and suburban railroad shall be centered in one great office in the City of New York, in the hands of one board of managers, and possibly in the hands of one man who may have the genius and the power to control his fellows.

The same cloud of centralized ownership and control is spreading over the means of movement on our interior waters, where floats, and must float for many years to come, the chief part of the American merchant marine. There seems no longer to be any room for the individual steamboat owner. The amount of capital required for the successful conduct of the business is nearly as far beyond the resources of a single individual as that needed for the conduct of a railroad. Tens of millions concentrated in one corporation, and controlled by one hand, are devoted to the construction and management

of an enormous fleet of gigantic vessels, whose owners also seize by the same means the wealth of the mines that furnish cargoes for them, and thus render all competition by lesser men or organizations impossible. Whole fleets are rendered obsolete and lie rotting at the docks, hundreds of owners are impoverished, and men who were formerly their own masters are reduced either to poverty or to the condition of employees.

Much as we might deplore this concentration of the ownership of the facilities for transportation and communication, it might be tolerated as the inevitable price the public must pay for the best results in these great and necessary services which individual enterprise and energy could never afford. Short of government ownership and control of these quasi-public functions, no means are yet apparent adequate to prevent their rapid concentration in a few hands and at one great center of wealth. Our toleration might be all the more complacent, could we indulge the hope that the process would stop at the business of transportation and intercommunication. But it has invaded other fields with the power of a glacier and the rapidity of a torrent. One by one each of the great staples which form the necessities of life is falling each into the hands of its special syndicate, or trust, or trade combine, which are but other names for a group of men dominated by one man of superior force and genius, into whose single hand is concentrated more power than any king possesses, and in comparison to whom the robber barons of feudal ages were pigmies in their capacity for extortion and oppression. The anti-trust laws of the federal government have fallen powerless before them. Constitutional restrictions have been interpreted by the courts so as practically to make those laws a dead letter. Indeed, no period of our history has witnessed so rapid and noxious a growth of trusts and combines as the few years since the National Congress undertook to restrain them. Within that period we have seen new trusts organized, or old ones recognized so as to evade the law, each of which has partially or entirely succeeded to the control of the manufacture and sale of one of the following staples:

Axes and tools, including shovels, picks, hammers, etc.	Jute bagging
Bridge building	Lithographing
Electric heating devices	Machinery
Fisheries	Malting
Glucose sugar	Fruit preserving
Glue and its associate products	Skewers
Soda fountains	Screws
Alcoholic spirits	Wash boards
Spool cotton	Fibre industries
Steel and wire	Incandescent lamps
Steel casting	Paper making
Stove boards	Dredging
	Wood alcohol

Straw board	Cellulose
Sugar refining	Rubber goods
Tobacco	Salt
Type founding	Axles
Whip making	Biscuits and crackers
Window glass	Barrows
Wood working machinery	Lead
Wringers	Linseed oils
Ammunition	Rice milling
Cast iron pipe	Saws
Dynamite, giant powder, etc.	Starch
Snuff	Wrought tubular goods
Tacks	Wall paper
Nails	Terra cotta
Asphalt	Enameled oil cloths
Iron ore	Paris green
Bolts and nuts	Plate glass
Iron, steel and brass castings	Plaster
Brooms	Weldless tubes
Billiard tables	Shot and lead
Wine making	Rope and twine
Carbonic acid gas	Mineral oil (one company for the whole country)
Celluloid	Anthracite coal
Coal and coke	Steel beams
Mattresses	Steel rails
Trace and wagon chains, etc.	Theatrical trust, controlling 300 theaters
Chemicals	Tinned plate
Wagon and buggy springs	Potteries
Fruit jars	Typewriters
Steel and iron wire	Tissue paper
Thread	Eave troughs and conductor pipes
Matches	Flint glass
Burial cases	Sole leather
Storage batteries	Playing cards
Electrotyping	Gums, projectiles, etc.
General electric devices	Powder
Sewer pipe	The Carnegie Steel Co.
Rubber boots	Safes
Elevators	Cheap novels
Beef cattle	School books
Wholesale drugs (250 firms)	and school supplies
Window shades	Borax
Yellow pine	
School books	
Oatmeal	
Cotton oil	

These and other combines, not mentioned here, and formed or reorganized since the anti-trust law was passed by Congress in 1890, and controlled by a comparatively few men, control a capital of nearly three and a half billions of dollars, equal to 20 per cent of the entire wealth of the seven millions of agri-

cultural population scattered over more than four and a half millions of farms, a capital more than twice the aggregate of the entire circulating medium of the country.

Nor is this by any means the sum of the trust and combine element in the country. Hundreds of articles are governed in their price by secret agreements which do not make their appearance in the form of legally organized companies. If you inquire carefully you will discover that you can scarcely make a purchase in which the price is not dictated by a combination over which the merchant you deal with has no control.

Nor does the process stop here. The very newspapers, upon whose independence and honesty the people depend for their instruction on public affairs, have combined, primarily to cheapen the cost of collecting of news, into a gigantic news trust called the Associated Press, which, controlled by a few men at Chicago, has been able to distort the truth in many prominent instances, and to poison with such distortion the very fountain of popular information.

Each of these great trusts now aims for the most part to control but one staple, although some of them reach out for many. The control of the iron and steel and of the coal beds of the country is slowly drifting toward a single center. As the organizations grow more powerful, all related industries will be combined in one control for each great class, as in the case of iron and coal.

Even in the small retail trading of our cities, the process of concentration is only too apparent. Our cities no longer present the once familiar aspect of miles of busy streets, occupied by thousands of small but respectable merchants, each doing a modest but satisfactory trade with his more immediate neighbors, and in a line to which he had been trained by long experience, looking forward to the accumulation of a modest competence for his old age and to the transmission to his heirs of an honored name and reputation for fair dealing which was as much a family property as his house or his goods. There are no longer any merchants, or, if a few of the old sort remain, they are rapidly passing away. In their place a great corporation is organized, which builds or rents a vast pile of ten or twenty stories. In this is gathered the stocks of ten, twenty, or a hundred ordinary merchants in various lines, and as many small merchants disappear from trade and reappear in time as the hired clerks, floorwalkers and laborers of the corporation. All around this great center, scores of small buildings, once the homes of honesty and thrift, become empty and deserted, a sad monument to a class once the bulwark of our trade, the conservative safeguard of our communities. Having no longer a stake in the community or the country, their very intelligence becomes a menace to society by reason of their degradation from a position they have no hope of recovering.

We are familiar with the arguments put forward to defend this system on its supposed merits. We are told that it is an

inevitable tendency of general conditions over which there is no human power of control. We are told that as the world is growing smaller, and as the means of communication and transportation are becoming more perfect, the world requires a less and less number of persons to control affairs as independent men, and that all the business of the human race can now be managed more efficiently from a few centers and by a few men, leaving the rest of the race nothing to do but to act as hewers of wood and drawers of water. It is idle to grieve over it. It is all in accordance with irresistible natural law. A cold-blooded political economy informs us that it makes for the cheapening of all the necessities of life. The concentration of capital, the centralization of control, in the manufacture and distribution of each of the great staples, saves a thousand elements of cost, and enables the manufacturing and distributing trust to lay the article down before the consumer at a greatly reduced price.

We are also assured, on the authority of every one of these trusts which has been brought into court, that this saving of expense enables the trust to spare a much larger portion of its earnings for the wages of its labor. But these pretenses are hollow shams. While the trusts have neither souls nor hearts, they are ruled by men, not angels; men, too, who, in their greed toward the consumer, and their heartlessness toward the laborer, are freed altogether from the personal responsibility which, in spite of himself, controls and modifies the selfishness of the individual manufacturer and employer. No employer who does business in his own name, dare stand before the community in which he lives and in which his reputation is part of his capital, for such heartlessness toward labor as the very small man will calmly and even conscientiously exercise toward his dependents when speaking and acting as the representative of a corporation toward which he regards it as his duty to grind the last penny for the benefit of the stockholders. The humanity of the manager of a corporation is lost in the mere machine which he becomes as part of the greater machine for which he acts. When the process of concentration has worked itself out to completion, the law which governs both prices and wages will assert itself with irresistible force. The consumer will be charged the highest price that can be squeezed out of him; the laborer will be paid the lowest wages upon which he can keep life enough in his body to perform his daily task. This result has not yet been quite accomplished, but it is sure as that night follows day, as certain as the law of human selfishness.

There is no salvation for the consumer except in free competition; there is no dignity, no manhood for the laborer except in the comparative independence he derives through the free competition of many employers who seek his services. When there shall be but one source from which the consumer can obtain his supplies, but one employer to whom the laborer can offer his

services, both consumer and laborer will be slaves. When each great staple shall have passed into the hands of one corporation or trust, those who have that control will have become masters, not alone of the price to the consumer and the wage to the laborer, but, what is almost as appalling, of the price which they must pay to such individual producers of raw materials as may still remain in the country, including, possibly, the farmer. Indeed, can we hope that the process which is rapidly engrossing all the manufacturing and distributing energies of the nation, will stop short at that point. Will it not continue until the soil of the country has been seized by a new landed aristocracy, and the stalwart yeomanry of the country, the hope and main reliance of the nation in peace and war, have been reduced from their ancient proud position as free and independent tillers of their own land, to the condition of mere tenant farmers, agricultural hinds, or actual serfs. This latter process may require more time for its accomplishment, but it is a logical, nay, a necessary consequence of the others. We are building up an aristocracy of wealth by the rapid absorption into the hands of a few of all the instrumentalities of production. Such an aristocracy will lack that mark of all the older aristocracies, the monopoly of the land, the source in the last resort of all forms of wealth. They will eagerly seek that last and most essential mark of privilege and distinction. Having accumulated all other agencies for the production of wealth, the possession of the land may easily be secured.

The question is not alone one of cost of production. The question of distribution of profits is of vastly more importance.

When a thousand men make ten millions of dollars, the money is scattered and the wants of a thousand families are to be gratified, and others are making a profit in catering to their wants, but when one man accumulates this amount, there is but one family whose wants are to be supplied, but one family to look to for the consumption of the products of labor, and the other nine hundred and ninety-nine become laborers themselves. Take, for instance, the money accumulated by John D. Rockefeller. If the three hundred millions of profit that has been extorted from the people of this country had been divided among twenty thousand men scattered over the United States, the effect would not have been so disastrous. No one of them would have sufficient capital to control the iron mines and the lake carrying trade, to crush out and destroy those with small capital invested in mines and boats and to turn loose thousands of men in search of other employment. Capital becomes more powerful as it increases in volume and more dangerous, as it becomes more powerful. A man backed with three hundred millions of dollars, influenced by ambition, greed or avarice, holds in his hands the fortunes and happiness of tens of thousands of people and he should not be

permitted to increase this wealth and power by continued extortion, if the power of the State can prevent it.

There is another vice of this system, which attracts but little attention, but which may well excite the alarm of every lover of his country. The centralization of ownership and control threatens a new sectionalism more dangerous than that which led to the war of the rebellion. The insatiate stomach which is devouring all wealth is located in the East. There all the great heads of syndicates, no matter where they originated, sooner or later make their homes. To that point is drawn all the profits of these enormous concentrated industries, and little by little the remainder of the country is drained of its wealth, with no hope of recovering it. When a trust master has accumulated his millions he sighs for the distinction of metropolitan life. He builds a palace in New York, and possibly another in Washington. To the former or some other center in the East all the profits of the industries of the nation are poured in a colossal and everflowing stream, and there is thence doled out again to the rest of the country barely enough to pay for raw materials and keep life in an impoverished labor. It is only a question of time, and not so very long a time either, when the East shall have sopped up, as with a sponge, the whole surplus wealth of this nation. What discontent, what jealousy may we not then expect to grow in the hearts of the population of the other sections, to possibly precipitate another civil war.

Our leaders, our press and our legislators have not yet fully realized what this degrading process means to the future of a republic founded upon democratic principles. A democratic republic cannot survive the disappearance of a democratic population. When our hundreds of thousands of free merchants have become the mere hirelings of vast mercantile corporations which have crushed them out of business; when the little shops, in which our people trade with their neighbors, have disappeared in ruins before the growth of a few enormous establishments in each town which absorb all the trade; when all the great industries have been concentrated in the hands of a few gigantic corporations; when the yeomanry of the farms have lost their lands to great proprietors, and have sunk to the condition of the tenant and the serf; when the artisan may offer his services to but one great corporate employer in his own trade—and shall be utterly at the mercy of that one—where shall the republic find the independent voter, the free man, to govern it in peace, to defend it in war? There will no longer be men in this country; there will be only, on one side corporation managers, and on the other a mass of servile and dependent slaves.

There is no father of a family today who has lived long enough to raise a son to early manhood who does not feel the awful pressure of the conditions I have attempted so feebly to describe. A short quarter of a century ago a boy who had

industry and resolution could be thrust upon the world with a few hundred dollars in his pocket, with a fair assurance that he could go into some sort of modest business for himself, and make his way to independence. Today such a career is impossible. All the avenues of success are occupied by these vast aggregations of capital whose crushing competition would ruin him. To enter the battle of life with the slightest hope of success one must have hundreds of thousands of dollars, and even then he must look about him and invest his capital in a combine or it will be lost at the first venture. Individual enterprise is without opportunity, without hope. Individuality is fast disappearing from the land. The free, self-reliant American is becoming more and more rare. We are becoming a nation of corporate masters who lack the natural humanity of individual employers, and of helplessly dependent servants.

We are warned by a bloodless and soulless science, or at least by its professors, that no effort of legislation can stop this rapid reduction of our people to the two classes of corporation managers and their slaves. If, in spite of this warning, we attempt legislative remedies, we are next told that we are trespassing upon the constitutional rights of property. This science and this law may be right, but, if they are, a prospect lies clearly in view that may well appall the patriotic and the humane.

I have always been a loyal Republican. I am a Republican still. But I prefer to believe that the republicanism of Abraham Lincoln is superior to that of a more modern type. The party of Lincoln was not organized merely to enfranchise the black race, but to preserve the liberties, the dignity of manhood of every citizen of whatsoever race or color. Aside from the principles on which it conducted the war for the preservation of the Union, the policy to which it has been most devoted was that of the protective tariff. This policy has always been defended, not merely as affording living prices for American products in the domestic market, but above and beyond all, as securing protection to American labor and American manhood, and adding to the dignity and independence of the American artisan and farmer. We sought to keep out of our market the cheap products of foreign labor, which was so poorly paid, lest our own labor should in time, by being compelled to compete with such labor, be degraded to its level. We have by this means built up a manufacturing interest greater than that of any other nation on earth. We passed to the first rank in this respect during the year just past, during which Great Britain, our only rival, was pushed to the second place. We are now confronted by these industries which we have so painstakingly and at such sacrifices fostered and built up—with an implied understanding at least that they would, by competition among themselves, furnish the consumer with goods at the lowest possible price commensurate with good wages, gathered into the hands of a few corporations and trusts, who,

while still demanding protection from the government, use their awful power to kill all domestic competition, and to bring about the very condition in respect to labor which the tariff system was designed forever to prevent. Shall we permit these industries, fostered by national sacrifices and national wisdom, to be absorbed by a few heartless exploiters and to be used as a weapon for crushing American manhood into a slavery more appalling, because more helpless, than that of the black slaves whom Abraham Lincoln emancipated?

Gentlemen, shall we be satisfied with the statement of economists and courts that there is no remedy for this state of things? Must we sit supinely idle while before our very eyes a great people, slowly but surely, descend to the grade of slaves? Is it possible that human ingenuity, that human pity, affords no means to stop this downward movement of the race on this continent? There was once a chief magistrate in this country who said there was no constitutional power in our government to coerce a sovereign state that desired to leave the Union. Abraham Lincoln raised an army of two millions of men and, with strong hand, crushed out the last remnants of secession. There was a supreme court which declared that the chains of four millions of black slaves were solidly riveted in the constitution of the republic. With one stroke of the pen, supported by millions of bayonets, Lincoln made these slaves freemen. Shall a nation which accomplished these things, in spite of constitutions and courts, basely confess its helplessness to preserve the freedom, the manhood of the country, because the sophistry of the James Buchanans and the Judge Taney's of our own day shakes in its face the ragged remnants of law that Abraham Lincoln defied and spit upon.

There must be remedies. The law was made for the people, not the people for the law. We have done greater things, bolder things, before. Other peoples have accomplished reforms which seemed quite as difficult to the lawyers and the courts. Without going back to the time when parliaments, flinging all law and precedent and supposed property rights to the winds, boldly confiscated the property of the church and of the nobles, when no other method sufficed to restore to the people their natural heritage of the soil, we have a notable example in our own day. The soil of Ireland had fallen into the hands of less than ten thousand persons. A population of five millions rested their feet upon the soil of their ancestors only at the mercy of a few landlords. Rents had so fallen that owners of the fee could not live upon them. Prices of agricultural products were so low by reason of the cheapness of American foods, that the tenants could not live and pay the rents such as they were. Here was a situation more puzzling to the technical jurist than our own. A nation was perishing before the eyes of the world. There was not a court in Great Britain which did not hold that the landlords had a right to fix the rents of their own lands. If the tenants could not pay,

there was nothing for them to do but get off the soil, even if, in doing so, they had to get off the earth. What could be clearer than this as a matter of law? Every court in the United States would today take the same position as those of Great Britain. Did the British parliament confess its helplessness? No. It proceeded to create commissions authorized to review the rents of Irish lands and fix them at a figure that would enable the people to live, even if the landlords perished. This would be called confiscation in the United States; and so it was, but it saved a nation's life.

Shall American legislators hesitate where those of Great Britain went at the disease with a knife? I am aware that the great British parliament is not limited in its power by a written and rigid constitution such as that which ties the hands of the national congress and the state legislatures, and makes the courts, in effect, the real lawmakers of this country. But if technical construction of the constitution stands in our way, constitution can be amended; or, a more summary method may be adopted by electing and appointing judges who will construe these instruments according to the eternal law of justice and humanity. One of the great political parties of this country has already made this latter suggestion in a national platform, only to have it denounced by the promoters of the people's degradation as anarchy and revolution. There may be those who will so denounce me for intimating that there is no divinity-hedging about judges which makes them superior to their masters, the sovereign people. I am content to suffer this penalty, if I must, but no penalty shall restrain me from raising my voice on all proper occasions even against courts which foster what I believe to be a danger to the freedom and welfare of the people.

Legislation must address itself to this supreme duty of the hour, and find a way through or over technicalities. If it does not, there will some day, in the not distant future, come a frightful awakening, when courts and legislatures will be swept aside by a power which has little respect for either. A great people will not willingly and consciously be guilty of slow suicide. Laws must be enacted that will restrain monopoly, and these laws must be enforced, or the people, becoming convinced that all law is made for their degradation, will some day trample all law into the dust.

It is evident that state legislatures have but little power to reach the sources of this disease. If one state were to deal heroically with the subject, its industries might be driven to other states which neglected this work, but it would seem that the power of a state might require all its citizens to be treated alike and compel foreign corporations to furnish necessities at the same price to all its inhabitants, except as to difference in cost of transportation and in amount purchased. This would prohibit the Standard Oil and biscuit trusts from putting up the price in one locality to crush out competition in another, as is

now done whenever any one dares compete with these combines. If the remedy must be applied at Washington and must cover all states alike, this does not relieve us of all responsibility in the matter. Michigan is represented in the national congress by twelve representatives and two senators. It is your duty to choose the latter. Is this State today represented by senators who are prepared to introduce and support in the national congress measures adequate to deal with this subject? You will soon have an opportunity to send one such vote there. It is your duty to do it. It is the duty of all citizens, whether in the Legislature or in private life, to use all the influence they have to the end that none shall be sent to congress who are not fully determined to go to the very bottom of this matter.

This may not be the place or time for the discussion of remedies in detail. It may be suggested, however, that a practical step might be taken in the desired direction if a national law were enacted which would confine corporations to lines of business which might be regarded as strictly within their proper sphere. Why should any corporations be organized for the conduct of mere mercantile or manufacturing business? Such enterprises should be left to individuals. Legislation which sought to directly compass this result, would doubtless meet with the condemnation of the courts. But there may be avenues by which the purpose could be attained without that danger. The federal congress found no legal obstacle in the way when it wished to prevent the issue of circulating notes by state banks. Under its revenue-raising power it levied a tax of 10 per cent upon all such circulation, and the notes disappeared at once and have not since been seen. A tax, equally prohibitive, might be levied upon all corporations in the United States organized for other purposes than the conduct of railroads, steamboat lines, telegraphs, telephones, canals, and possibly one or two other great enterprises too heavy for the hands of individuals or ordinary partnerships. Such a measure would do away, once for all, with the syndicate, the trusts and the combines that are sapping the life-blood of this people.

In former days the legislatures of great states regarded it as their privilege and duty to memorialize congress on matters of concern to the nation. They "requested" the representatives and "instructed and directed" the senators to take action in conformity with their wishes. This ancient and valuable privilege should be revived. It is true that the senators at Washington no longer regard themselves as amenable to the directions of their creators. Indeed, it is often said, and with too much truth, that the senators sent to Washington own the legislatures which send them there. But this should be corrected, and might be if legislatures were honest and courageous. Every federal senator chosen should be compelled to take oath in the presence of the legislature which chooses him, to follow its instructions in his congressional action when

those instructions are embodied in formal resolutions and conveyed to him by the Governor, or transmit his resignation. Some might perjure themselves in spite of this, but all would not.

The present Legislature of this State should not only see to it that the senator they elect to represent this State at Washington is fully impressed with the necessity of immediate and vigorous action on the subject of trusts and combines, but it should also memorialize congress in the interest of such legislation. It would be a proper rebuke to this Republican administration which, so far as I have been able to observe, has never yet taken the first step to correct this monstrous abuse. The administration is full of solicitude for the sufferings of the subjects of the Spanish monarchy, whether they live near our coasts or at the other side of the earth. It has much to say of "humanity," and its rights; but the humanity which seems to command its greatest sympathy is that which is farthest away and with whose affairs it has properly nothing or little to do under the constitution. It is the humanity which occupies these states and territories—American humanity—which most interests me, and which should most interest the administration and the Congress of the United States. Our own native humanity has much more to complain of than that of the Philippines or of Cuba. No Spanish official from the time of Columbus to that of Weyler ever saddled them with such monstrous wrongs as our own people are threatened with today from the trusts and combines and monopolies upon which most of the great men of the Republican Party of this day look with toleration, if not with sympathy. The men who are most notorious as the heads of great monopolies seem to be the most intimate friends of the present administration and to be the most eager to redress the wrongs of all people who live outside the United States, it being their well-defined purpose to divert attention from the outrages committed against them. So far as the American people are concerned, this administration seems to look upon them as having no rights except to lay down their lives and, incidentally, their freedom for the conquest of foreign lands and the fattening of domestic monopolies.

IMPERIALISM, EXPANSION AND VASSAL COLONIES.

The people of Michigan are very generally aware that I did not favor the declaration of war against Spain. They will also testify that when it was beyond recall my personal opinions as to the wisdom of its inception did not lessen the zeal with which I performed my duties in connection with the struggle that followed. While our troops were face to face with an enemy in the field there was nothing for patriotism to do but to support with all earnestness the administration that had charge of the war. Now that a treaty of peace has been signed I am again free to say that I have no apology to make for my unaltered conviction that the matter in controversy might have

been settled by the resources of intelligent diplomacy, without shedding a drop of American blood, without saddling the country with hundreds of millions of new debt, and without involving this country in an adventurous and dangerous policy of expansion by conquests over territories and peoples with which, and with whom, we have properly nothing to do.

It is repeated again and again that the voice of this people demanded the war and now insists upon retaining its so-called results, namely, the forcible control and government of nearly ten millions of people who have just the same right to independent self-government as we have ourselves. If this be the judgment of the people, it has not manifested itself in Michigan. My position on the subject was, as I have said, perfectly well known to our people. I never hesitated to let them know that I did not favor what is known as expansion or imperialism at the present time. The judgment they passed upon me last November does not seem to be one of disapproval, and there is no evidence that the people of other states greatly differ in this regard with those of our own State. The war was precipitated by the clamor of an unscrupulous press, which has no higher motive than to secure material for sensations and means of increased circulation. In this it had the co-operation of equally unscrupulous politicians, who hoped that the excitement and hysteria of war would distract the popular mind from the abuses of their misgovernment and from the grievances which our own people suffered and still suffer, greater than those which any of Spain's subjects had to complain of. The retention of the Philippines as a vassal colony, never destined to become an integral part of the American system, is now proposed and defended as a necessary consequence of an unnecessary war, and as a foothold for further adventurers on the continent of Asia.

I have not yet heard one valid argument in defense of this ambitious and dangerous policy, as it is now presented for congressional approval. We might legitimately extend our territory on our own continent, whenever and wherever a fair opportunity presents itself, and the islands of the seas near us may properly be regarded as a part of the continent. But the conquest and retention of an archipelago six thousands miles from our shores, too tropical ever to permit the settlement there of our own people, already densely populated by eight or ten millions of a barbarous and alien race whom we can neither mix with, assimilate, nor civilize, is in my judgment, little less than madness. I am not an enemy of expansion *per se*. Most of the territory of the republic has been acquired by conquest or purchase. But it was on our own continent, if not contiguous to our own borders, and practically uninhabited. It was secured with wise provision for the future safety of the republic and as the future home of millions of our increasing population. The Philippines are in no way necessary for our safety, or even useful therefor, as are the

Hawaiian islands and the Antilles. They can never be made the home of Americans. With tremendous effort, at enormous expense, and in considerable time, we may force a degree of peace and order there as peace was enforced in Warsaw, and we may produce conditions in which the teeming native population may multiply still more. We may even enforce upon them some of the conditions of a hybrid American civilization, which may be better or worse for them. They may multiply there, as the population of India has multiplied under British domination, but we can no more establish an American population in the Philippines than Great Britain has been able to establish an English population in India. The children there have all to be sent home to Britain to grow to manhood, for if they are raised in India they grow up more enervated and more helpless than the Indians themselves. So will it be in the Philippines. Americans may go there in small numbers to exploit the country and hold the offices, as Englishmen go to India, but if they attempt to bring up children there, those children will grow up inferior to the native Filipinos. This is always the case when Northern races are transplanted to the tropics. We must look forward to a perpetual guardianship over an inferior and servile race, who will always be alien to us, whose masters we must be forever, whom we must govern as inferiors, whom we can never welcome as fellow citizens and equals. There can not be even a sufficient mixture of resident Americans there permanently to govern the islands. The supply must be sustained, as is the case in India, by periodical drafts from our armies and our politicians to govern those islands and to keep them in continuous subjection. Permanently governed by such aliens and foreigners who will have no interest at stake in the islands and little sympathy for the people, the restless inhabitants will grow discontented with the slavery we will be compelled to enforce, and the fierce Malay nature will break out in periodical insurrections which we shall be compelled to crush with bloodshed. They are not of the mild and submissive nature of the Hindoos, who are kept in subjection as easily as so many sheep, but, on the contrary, they are a proud and warlike race who have shown in their whole history a fierce determination never to submit abjectly to the rule of foreign masters.

It is claimed that there is nothing in the Constitution to forbid the acquisition of any foreign lands whatsoever. This may be so, but I can never believe that the spirit of the Constitution, the spirit of our institutions, the genius of our people, ever contemplated or would deliberately tolerate, the prospect of acquiring control of territory densely inhabited by people whom we must hold in perpetual subjection by force of arms. It may be said in reply to this that we have held our own Indians in perpetual subjection. But that was not a matter of choice with us at all. The aborigines of this continent were here before we were, and we had either to keep them subject or kill them off. For the most part we have made use of the

latter process. But we cannot kill off the Filipinos, and even if we were to do so, we should not profit by it. We have changed the hunting ground of the American Indians into farms and cities for our own people, but if we were to sweep the Philippines bare of their present population, our own people could not take their places. The islands would again fill up with tropical races, or, at least, with Chinese and Japanese.

Whatever may be said of the acquisition of American tropical territories as being necessary for the defense and control of our own continent and seas, there is not a rational word which can justify these far-off adventures in Asia. The scheme is simply a weak imitation of the policy of European monarchies, conceived in apparent ignorance or indifference, respecting the vastly different conditions which have forced those powers into distant colonization. The economic and political problems which they have to solve are radically different from ours. Crowded together there, teeming populations are compelled to migrate or starve. There is no room for them on contiguous territory. Their governments are striving, in order not to loose their surplus population to foreign and often rival nations, to find homes for these emigrants in the empty spaces of other continents. Our government seems to have been encouraged in the scheme by that of Great Britain, for a purpose which is obvious enough. When we shall have become involved in foreign interests and complications like her own she hopes to gain our assistance in her own schemes of conquest. Great Britain has forty millions of population and raises scarcely food enough for one-third of them. She must seek farms and markets all over the earth, or her population would disappear in starvation. This is not our situation. We have an abundance of fertile land within our present borders to feed two hundred millions of people. Should we ever run short of right on our own continent, contiguous to our own borders, farms, and be forced to steal those of others, there is plenty more suitable for the nurture of our own race. Our situation is more like that of Russia, which follows the wise policy of expanding only over contiguous territory on her own continent, and thus holds her vast dominions in one solid block over which her own people and her civilization may spread at their leisure, without seeking dangers and adventures across the seas.

I cannot better close my remarks on this subject than by citing words recently ascribed to the Emperor of Russia respecting this universal rage for forcible colonization in distant lands which now seems to possess every government on the earth which has the physical force to practice it at the cost of weaker nations:

"I look out over the world; I study our civilization and I do not find it very good. I see nations all engaged in seizing, or trying to seize all territory not yet occupied by European powers.

"For the native races, what does imperial expansion mean? Too often opium, alcohol and all manner of diseases—a great gulf between the governed and those who rule, and crushing taxation upon the natives for the blessings of this civilization.

"And for the nations who seize, what does it mean? A continual increase of suspicion, jealousy and rivalry; the heaping up of fleets and armies in order to take part in a scramble with the world, with the result that the army and navy are swallowing up more and more millions that should be used for the welfare of the people and advancement of the world.

"On top are a very few rich and comfortable. Down below with an ever-increasing pressure of taxes for armaments, is the great mass of poor people whose position is not very good. There is an ever-increasing multitude of those below with their breeding discontent ripening into socialism and developing into all kinds of anarchy."

Heretofore our country has enjoyed a splendid isolation from those evils which are so graphically pictured by the greatest of living potentates and from the complications and embarrassments which have apparently produced them. Our territorial growth has hitherto only intensified that happy isolation, for it has given us only contiguous territory which would otherwise have been the seat of rival powers as neighbors. Every European power which we can, as opportunity offers, exclude from this continent and its adjacent islands, should be excluded, thus removing danger which might sometime threaten our unparalleled and splendid isolation. When we shall have driven the last of them from American soil, then, indeed, shall we be independent as no other people ever were on earth, and safe from all dangers of foreign war or costly complications. Why should we endanger, possibly destroy, this magnificent destiny by engaging in the fearful and bloody scramble for distant possessions on other continents for which we have no legitimate use—which can never be the homes of our own race, and whose population we must keep as slaves? How much better to look forward to the building up of a power coterminous with our own continent occupied from gulf to pole by a homogeneous, free, self-governing people, a race so mighty that for all time it may defy the covetousness of rivals. This was the dream of our greatest statesmen, who, in all their brightest hopes for the future of this republic, looked upon this as its manifest destiny, and never tolerated the thought of becoming in our turn the oppressors of other peoples.

Michigan is a proud member of the sisterhood of states! Her patriotic citizens have evidenced at all times a tender solicitude for the welfare of the Union, whether in war or peace. I commend this subject, therefore, to your earnest consideration and the consideration of the people of the State, and hope that after mature deliberation and careful consideration, the voice of Michigan may be heard upon the subject by means of a memorial to congress.

GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP OF RAILROADS.

I would hesitate before making any recommendations on the subject of governmental ownership of railroads, were I not thoroughly convinced that there is no other equitable and permanent solution of the great questions arising out of railway transportation. This proposition is just in principle, and the experience of all countries where the railroads are operated by the state proves that it is practical.

If corporations respected the principle that "Each person's liberty ends where the liberty of another person commences," there would be no need for interference in their affairs by the State. But every citizen knows that the railroads consider neither the rights of their patrons nor the justice of their charges. An unjust charge is an extortion, and when a corporation or an individual becomes so great that it can extort tribute from its patrons without rendering an equivalent in return, it is not only the right but the duty of the State to interfere. Instead of keeping step with progress along with all other lines of business and making reductions wherever the business would warrant, railroad corporations have, by a monopolistic policy, arrogated to themselves the right to charge what they will. Nearly every state in this country has been compelled to step in and regulate the affairs of the railroads within its borders in order to protect its citizens. Regulation by the State is only one form of government central regulation, and carried to its logical conclusion means control.

Formerly the railroads of Switzerland were owned and operated by corporations, subject to regulations by the republic. There grew up, however, a great sentiment in favor of government ownership. In 1891 the question of the conditional purchase of the Swiss Central Railway was submitted to the people. At that time the proposition was defeated by a majority of 159,500. The agitation of the question was not settled, however, and on the 20th of February, 1898, after over seven years of constant discussion, a referendum on the government purchase of all the railroads of Switzerland was again taken, with the following result:

In favor of national purchase.....	384,382
Opposed to national purchase.....	176,511
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Majority for public ownership.....	207,871

(U. S. Consular Rep. Vol. 56, p. 584).

Consul General James F. Du Bois, in the report from which these facts are taken, makes some interesting comments: "It will be seen," he says, "that there has been, since 1891, a great change in the minds of the people of Switzerland concerning the government ownership of railroads, and this change has been brought about by a thorough discussion of the subject in the press and on the platform. Never before in the history of

the republic has such a bitter contest been waged, and never before has the government received such a large majority.

"The total cost of construction and equipment of the five main lines above mentioned is estimated at \$190,998,000. The total length is 1,700 miles, and the government, it is estimated, will have to pay for those roads about \$200,000,000. The total receipts in 1897 were \$20,722,600. An average of 5 per cent dividends have been declared during the past five years. The number of persons employed is about 25,000, or nearly 1 per cent of the population.

"The election was held yesterday, Sunday, February 20, and by 8:30 in the evening the general result was known in every town and city in the republic. The news was given to the people by the government absolutely free of charge, which demonstrated the fact that Switzerland has one of the finest telephone systems in the world. It is owned by the government and operated in the interest of all the people. The result of the election is being celebrated with great enthusiasm throughout the country.

"Government ownership in Switzerland is public ownership in fact as well as in name, for the people own and control their government, through the initiative and referendum."

In my opinion it is high time for Michigan to imitate the example of Switzerland. I most earnestly recommend that this Legislature inaugurate a policy looking to the ultimate purchase by the State of all the railroads within its limits. Laws equalizing taxation and regulating rates of fare only reach the symptoms. They do not reach the root of the disease, which is private ownership of public franchises. The only way to permanently cure such evils is to eradicate the cause by the State assuming the ownership and control of all franchises of a public nature.

FISH PROPAGATION.

This is one of the subjects to which I desire to call special attention and which I invite every member of the Legislature to investigate for himself. The fishing interests of Michigan are of proportions little realized by the people as a whole, but even limited research will show how important they have become. Legislation is needed in several directions. At present there exist abuses which works great injury to large numbers of people directly interested, and which are indirectly an injury to every citizen of the State.

The fishing interests may be divided into two classes, the commercial fishing of the Great Lakes and the less extensive fishing of the inland lakes and streams. Each class demands attention at your hands.

The commercial fishing is of great importance because of the enormous supply of food fish taken from the waters of the Great Lakes, and because of the large number of people whose living depends upon their labor in this connection. The State

has a coast line of about two thousand miles, and statistics show that the nets used in fishing, if placed end to end would measure 3,036 statute miles. There are upwards of five thousand men actively engaged in fishing and they support a population of approximately twenty-five thousand people. They have rights which are entitled to consideration, and when their interests and those of the whole people of this State together demand changes in existing provisions of the State laws, those changes cannot be made too quickly.

At the last regular session of the Legislature there was passed an act which masqueraded as a measure for the protection of these interests. It was an act providing for a closed season for fishing in Michigan waters of the Great Lakes, such closed season to be in operation during the time when certain kinds of fish were spawning. It was represented to the members of the Legislature, when the act was under consideration, that the bill was to protect the fish during the spawning season, and solely in the interests of the fishermen. It has since developed that the act was inspired and worked through for a very different purpose. In the light of subsequent events it is manifest that the alleged protective feature was exploited by interests which have since combined and capitalized into the millions for the avowed purpose of controlling the fisheries of the Great Lakes and other waters, thus placing both fish-producer and fish-consumer at the mercy of trust methods and trust prices.

This combination already controls most of the fishing of Lake Winnipeg and the Canadian shores of the Great Lakes, and is gradually extending the lines of control into Michigan waters.

A large stock of frozen fish is accumulated at fishing ports on Lake Winnipeg and elsewhere during the summer months, and thrown on our market during the fall and winter. This frozen stock is practically unsalable in competition with fresh supplies from our own waters, so in order that the trust may unload its inferior imported stock at a profit, our own fisheries are shut down by law at a most profitable season of the year. The result is that prices are nearly doubled, and that, too, for a decidedly inferior quality of fish. A comparison of jobbing prices during the closed season of the last two years with those of preceding years will bear out this statement.

The suspension of fishing operations for lake trout and white-fish during the spawning season, for the alleged purpose of rapidly increasing their numbers, veils another deception.

Fish life embraces two distinct stages or periods. The first begins with the deposit of the spawn and ends with the hatching. The second period covers that of the fish proper. During both of these stages natural enemies abound and the spawn and small fish are constantly preyed upon. The spawning grounds become a feeding range for the spawn-eating fish, the unprotected and defenceless condition of fish-life in its first

stage rendering it practically helpless in the presence of various agencies of destruction well-known to fish culturists.

Investigators are agreed that not 1 per cent of the lake trout and whitefish spawn cast in the open waters survives to the hatching point. There is a unanimity of sentiment upon this point among all fish culturists. By catching the parent fish at spawning time, however, and carrying the ova forward to the hatching point under the protected environment afforded in hatcheries, thus shielding it from all forms of natural dangers during the most frail and helpless period of fish life, a hatching of 60 to 90 per cent is assured.

When it is considered that a mature whitefish casts an average of thirty thousand eggs at each spawning period the vast difference in favor of artificial propagation is seen at a glance. When left to nature the spawn from one fish may hatch three hundred young fish; when done artificially the hatch would be 18,000 from the same fish at the lowest estimate.

Practical fish culturists do not employ the closed season plan for perpetuating and multiplying fish life. On the contrary they catch all of the adults at spawning time and take every precaution possible to prevent natural spawning, which is very largely natural waste.

Protection from natural enemies during the first period of fish life is protection in its most effective form, and I heartily recommend such legislation as will insure the largest possible measure of results in this direction in order that depleted fisheries may be restored to fullness.

I recommend the abolition of the closed season entirely and the substitution of provisions by which fishing to the fullest extent during the fall season be encouraged, with the added provision that arrangements be made whereby agents of the State and United States fish commissions shall accompany the fishing tugs in order to take the ova from spawning fish, so that they may be preserved and propagated. In this manner I believe the supply of fish in the great lakes will not only be rapidly and greatly increased, but the general public will be greatly benefited by the reduction of prices. Agents of the fish commission have always been welcomed on the fishing tugs and can easily have access to all catches of fish.

I also recommend the enactment of a provision prohibiting the taking of spawn from Michigan waters by agents of other states, except as arranged for with the fish commission of this State.

Since protection from the ravages of natural enemies can not be provided beyond the beginning of the second period of fish life, all that it is practical to accomplish beyond this and until the crop is matured and ready for the harvest, is to protect the young and growing fish from artificial losses. The catching of young and immature fish cannot be too severely denounced. This flagrant abuse in fishery economics is condemned by a large majority of fishermen themselves. I recom-

mend that stringent legislation be enacted to correct this abuse and that means be provided for its enforcement.

The other section of the fishing interests, that in the inland lakes and streams, is also of great importance and worthy of close attention. Food fish and game fish are to be found in considerable abundance in many of our inland waters, and statistics place Michigan well up toward the top in the list of states in this regard. Aside from the recreation afforded to hundreds and thousands of our people, the value of the food obtained is considerable. I believe that artificial propagation should be pushed as far as possible in this direction as well as with the fish of the Great Lakes, in order that the supply may be maintained and increased.

The State Fish Commission has done a magnificent work in this direction and should be encouraged and given ample facilities for extending its labors. An illustration of the value of its services may be found in the prevalence of the trout in the streams of the Lower Peninsula. Years ago there was not a trout to be found in the streams of the lower section of the State, but the fish commission took up the work of artificial propagation, and today the streams well stocked with trout are almost countless. At the same time the number of fishermen is increasing rapidly. Thousands of strangers come here every year to seek health and recreation along the streams and in the woods of this State, and the number of our own people who wade the streams during the summer months can not be exaggerated.

I recommend that sufficient appropriation be made for increasing the output of the State hatcheries in proportion with the increasing demands.

CRIMINAL LAW.

In the main the laws of this State have been passed with the object in view of according to all—the lowliest as well as the highest, the weakest as well as the strongest, the poorest as well as the richest—equal rights and privileges, and subjecting each to the same punishment, under like circumstances and conditions.

While it is the theory of the law that all men stand equally before it, yet there has been made no provision by means of which justice can be done a man who has been convicted of a crime and is afterwards shown to be innocent, or those who are sometimes wrongfully tried for an offense against the State and their innocence established. It sometimes happens that a man is clearly shown to have been innocent, after having served years in prison, and he is given his liberty, after it is perhaps impossible for him to immediately obtain a position which will support him, and hence many drift into a life of crime, almost from necessity.

I would recommend the enactment of laws giving those charged with crime, and whose innocence has been estab-

lished, the same costs against the respective counties in which they were prosecuted as are given to the successful party in a civil suit.

I would also recommend that some provision be made for compensating those who shall be sentenced to a term of imprisonment and whose innocence shall afterward be shown. If they are wrongfully deprived of their liberty by the State, it is but right the State should compensate them for the time forcibly taken from them. Such claims might perhaps be heard and allowed by the Board of State Auditors, circuit judges, or a commission created for the purpose.

These suggestions may be out of the ordinary, but I believe them worthy of careful consideration, to the end that justice shall be done those who may be wrongfully compelled to spend their all in order to establish their innocence of the crime with which they are charged. This matter was called to my attention by Hon. Moses Taggart, ex-Attorney General of our State, who has given the subject some thought and has personally seen the necessity for a change.

EIGHT-HOUR LAW.

The two years which have passed since my first message to the legislature have not altered in the slightest degree my firm conviction that eight hours a day is enough to require a man to work for his living. In the business establishment in which I am interested the employes work but nine hours a day, this custom having prevailed for seven years. It would not be to our advantage to return to a ten-hour day, and we would not do so. The limiting of the day's labor to eight hours will be welcomed by us when other business establishments are compelled by law to give workingmen two additional hours of freedom from toil. The inestimable benefits of our public school and of our free educational institutions of all kinds, have made of our clerks, artisans and mechanics, thinking men, and it is doing only simple justice to liberate them from the factories and workshops these two additional hours, in order that they and their families may enjoy some of the advantages and real pleasures of life. It is your especial privilege and duty to bring the so-called "merchant princes" and "captains of industry" in this country to a realization of the fact that our laboring men are something more than tools to be used in the senseless chase after wealth. The shortening of the hours of labor will also make it necessary to give work to the large number of unemployed.

PRIMARY ELECTION.

Under our constitution and laws it is both the duty and privilege of every citizen to vote and to participate in the election of honest and capable men to fill the various offices within the gift of the people, and any legislation which will encourage

or aid them in the performance of that duty should receive your undivided support.

Under our system it is practically impossible for any person to be elected to an office unless he is placed in nomination by one of the great political parties. It is, therefore, of the utmost importance that each member of these parties shall have an opportunity to express his choice for nominee of his party for office, for by so doing it is reasonable to believe that the majority of the members of each party will vote to place in nomination the most worthy men. And if they do not under this system then it will be time for all good citizens to leave that party and join one composed of men who will.

The present system of nominating by conventions is wrong in both theory and practice for many reasons. It is practically impossible for a delegate to represent the wishes of his constituents where there is more than one officer to be nominated. It also tends to permit a few scheming politicians to dictate, either honestly or otherwise, the nominations. It is too frequently the case that delegates, after having been elected for a specified purpose, are induced, either by the use of money or the promise of official position, to utterly disregard the instructions and wishes of their constituents, thereby practically disfranchising whole precincts and townships.

I, therefore, recommend that a law be passed providing that all candidates for each elective office, from Governor down to township and ward officers, be nominated by a direct vote of the electors.

I also recommend that provision be made for the nomination at such primary, by a direct vote of the electors of the State, of a candidate of each party for United States Senator. By so doing, while under the constitution he can not be elected by a direct vote, still the Legislature would hardly dare to disregard the wishes of their constituents, so plainly and fairly expressed, and in that manner it might be possible for the common people to get some representation in the upper house of Congress.

ALL MEMBERS OF STATE BOARDS SHOULD BE ELECTED OR APPOINTED, AND SHOULD RETIRE AT THE SAME TIME.

One of the most pernicious customs in vogue in this State is the practice of having "hold-over" members on State boards and commissions. In this way mismanagement is covered up, and there is no way of reforming abuses which notoriously exist in some of our State institutions. When a new member accepts an appointment on one of these boards he finds himself a hopeless minority if he attempts to inaugurate any changes, no matter how necessary such changes may appear. By the time he has acquired any influence he has generally fallen in with his associates, and as a result old foggy methods are perpetuated and actual abuses escape correction.

The Governor is, and should be, held responsible for the management and control of all appointive boards. Conse-

quently the term of all such appointees should be coextensive with the official term of the Governor. The knowledge that an entire new board would have possession of all the books and proceedings at the expiration of a certain fixed time would tend to check extravagant or selfish enterprises, and, in my opinion, would greatly increase the integrity and efficiency of most of our State boards.

I am aware that the present constitution prevents general legislation along these lines, but I earnestly recommend that a law be passed and extended as far as applicable, under which all boards will assume office and retire from office at the same time.

TAX TITLES.

In my message to the Thirty-Ninth Legislature I urged the importance of changing the tax law, so that tax titles could not be acquired by individuals, and so that lands sold for taxes should become State property. There are few occupations more despicable than that of the professional purchaser and dealer in tax titles. When a federal official, occupying one of the highest judicial positions in the State, purchases tax titles it is time to take effective measures to put a stop to the business. The decisions of the Supreme Court of the State have made it more difficult than ever for owners of land to relieve their property from the lien of tax titles. I do not desire to protect the negligent owner of real estate, but there is no reason why the unfortunate should be made the victims of the unscrupulous and close-fisted tax title dealer.

In this connection I desire to call your attention to an extravagance, a wasteful expenditure of the people's money, which can not be too promptly stopped by you. I refer to the large sums of money disbursed by the State for advertising real estate to be sold for non-payment of taxes. For the past three years the amounts are as follows:

1896.....	\$56,090 35
1897.....	64,967 75
1898.....	58,758 32

The cost of advertising lands under the present system amounts to more than the total of salaries paid to the State officers, the Governor, the heads of all the departments, and their deputies.

I would strongly recommend that personal notice to real estate owners, whose taxes are unpaid, be substituted in the place of notice by advertisement in the newspapers. The newspaper notices rarely come to the attention of delinquents, especially those who have unintentionally neglected to pay their taxes. It should be made the duty of county treasurers to ascertain the addresses of owners of lands upon which taxes have not been paid, and give them personal notice, either by

registered letter or otherwise. The expense of such notice would be slight, certainly not \$60,000 per year.

It has come to my notice that the treasurer of Kent county has, of his own volition, made it a practice to notify delinquent taxpayers, by mail, that their taxes are unpaid and on one occasion, an unfortunate case, went after the taxpayer at night with a horse and carriage and brought him into the county office to show him that his taxes were unpaid. Other county treasurers should show the same solicitude as has the treasurer of Kent county.

OPINIONS OF SUPREME COURT JUDGES UPON CONSTITUTIONAL AND OTHER QUESTIONS OF LAW.

The constitution of the State of Massachusetts contains the following provision:

"Each branch of the Legislature, as well as the Governor and council, shall have authority to require the opinion of the judges of the supreme judicial court, upon important questions of law, and upon solemn occasions."

Chapter III. Judicial Power. Article 2.

Under this constitutional provision, for years in Massachusetts and in other New England states as well, it has been the practice for the Governor to require opinions of the judges of the supreme courts upon important questions of law, constitutional and otherwise. The requests, or "orders," as they are called, for such opinions are given precedence in the business of the court, and the decisions are rendered promptly. They are published in the printed reports of the opinions of the court. This practice results not only in saving thousands of dollars to litigants, but it avoids encumbering our statutory law with unconstitutional and defective legislation. It has everything to commend it and nothing to condemn it. Inasmuch as it has been found by years of practical use to result in great good to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and other Eastern states, I recommend that you enact, at once, a law containing similar provisions and give it immediate effect. Such a law should provide, in substance, that the Governor of this State shall have authority to require the opinion of the judges of the supreme judicial court upon important questions of law, involving the constitutionality of any bill or measure which is placed before him for his action, and that it shall be the duty of the judges to return to the Governor a written opinion containing a full and direct reply to the questions propounded, within seven days after his request therefor has been delivered to them.

STATISTICS OF STATE, CHARITABLE, PENAL AND REFORMATORY INSTITUTIONS.

The following is a statement showing the State charitable, penal and reformatory institutions, and the normal capacity and inmates of each at the close of the fiscal year, June 30, 1898:

Institutions	Normal Capacity	No. of Inmates
Michigan Asylum, Kalamazoo.....	1,225	1,275
Eastern Michigan Asylum, Pontiac.....	876	1,057
Northern Asylum, Traverse City.....	920	1,009
Upper Peninsula Hospital, Newberry.....	325	274
Asylum Dangerous and Criminal Insane		
Ionia.....	260	240
Home for Feeble-Minded, Lapeer.....	200	201
State Public School, Coldwater.....	225	159
Industrial Home, Girls, Adrian.....	284	300
Industrial School, Boys, Lansing.....	550	582
School for the Deaf, Flint.....	418	396
School for the Blind, Lansing.....	125	100
State Prison, Jackson.....	838	852
State House of Correction, Ionia.....	624	496
Upper Peninsula Prison, Marquette.....	312	200

In addition to the above insane patients there are 362 at the Wayne County Asylum and 10 at St. Joseph's Retreat, Dearborn, who are State and county charges.

MICHIGAN IN THE WAR.

There is nothing in the history of Michigan that adds more lustre to her name than the conduct of her sons during the late war. When the call for troops was issued by the President of the United States there came from the college, the office, the workshops and the farms brave, patriotic, earnest men, willing and anxious to participate in the dangers of war, in their country's behalf. Men of all professions and trades vied with each other to be first in the field, and this, too, knowing that thousands must meet their death from fever and disease under the tropical sun of the then Spanish possessions.

On the 24th of April, 1898, a general order was issued directing the Michigan National Guard to mobilize at Island Lake on April 26th, and on the night of that day there were in camp at Island Lake nearly four thousand men, with practically no equipment, and with little if any appreciation of the arduous duties they would be called upon to perform in order to fit them for active participation in the war that had then been declared.

In this connection attention should be called to the promptness and enthusiasm with which the National Guard of Michigan responded to my call.

On the other hand the National Guard of other states was extremely tardy and reluctant in taking the field.

Many Michigan men sacrificed positions worth several thousand dollars, to accept service under the government at thirteen dollars per month. The poor widow who parted with her only son is deserving of vastly more credit than the man of wealth who, through influence, secured for his son an officer's commission.

It would be impracticable to attempt to portray in detail the action that was taken by the State officers in their earnest efforts to prepare Michigan's sons for the part they were so speedily called upon to take. All the machinery under the control of this department was put to work to equip these regiments for active service, and the effort necessary to accomplish this result can be better understood when it is considered that every other State in the Union was engaged in the same effort. Wherever it was sought to procure clothing, arms or equipment of any kind we were met by representatives from other states engaged in the same mission, this fact making it almost impossible to procure the necessary supplies without great delay, and frequently only at exorbitant prices. Not only were the representatives of the various states engaged in the purchase of the necessary equipments for soldiers in the field, but the United States Government was likewise interested. The best possible effort, however, was put forth by the department to properly equip these soldiers, and the fact that Michigan was the only State in the Union that had two regiments in the Battle of Santiago not only demonstrates that the department was fairly successful in equipping soldiers, but that the government at Washington had faith in the courage and fidelity of Michigan's sons.

I caused transportation to be issued to sick soldiers from Eastern and Southern hospitals to their respective homes by special trains and otherwise, for doctors and nurses to be sent to Cuba and elsewhere, and in a few instances ordered transportation for fathers and mothers to visit and nurse their sons who were ill in the hospital, when these parents were too poor to pay their own expenses. I felt the State could not do less for these persons who had contributed so much to their country in its hour of need.

War is a terrible calamity, and Michigan greatly deplored the necessity for it, but when war was declared by the National Government, we had but to do our duty. How well Michigan responded is best evidenced by the history of the war. Some lost their lives in the trenches at Santiago and others died in the pest-ridden camps and hospitals between Santiago and Montauk Point. Others breathed their last in the arms of their loved ones after returning home. But we have the satisfaction of knowing that no life was sacrificed, no suffering was endured by any soldier of the republic because of penuriousness, negligence, or want of humanity on the part of the State administration or citizens of Michigan.

After cessation of hostilities and after the government had made an order providing that the soldiers should be paid only sixty days while on furlough, I appealed to those in authority to modify this order and to permit the pay to continue until the men were mustered out, and succeeded in having the order so modified for which we are largely indebted to Secretary Alger

who gave my request the promptest attention. This permitted the men to draw from thirty to ninety days' extra pay, amounting to many thousand dollars to Michigan troops.

The Military Department of Michigan also took up with the War Department at Washington the question of allowing the thirty-third and thirty-fourth regiments pay for the uniforms that they were compelled to destroy when leaving Cuba, and this claim was finally allowed.

I would recommend that the State make an appropriation for the benefit of the soldiers of the late war sufficient to bring each man's pay up to one dollar per day while in active service.

The matter of disbursements for the maintenance and equipment of Michigan soldiers will be published by the Quartermaster General.

The total number of Michigan troops mustered in the five regiments was 6,677 and the total number of deaths about 250.

I would not feel, however, that I had done justice to one of Michigan's honored sons, did I fail in this connection to call to your attention the service of General R. A. Alger, Secretary of War. Through his effort and influence I have been able to do much for Michigan soldiers that could not have been accomplished without his co-operation. I feel that the people of Michigan and of the entire country have reason to congratulate themselves because the position of Secretary of War was held by one who is not only a courageous, honorable soldier, but a humane, earnest man, who never permitted red tape and antiquated regulations to stand in the way of doing what conscience and humanity dictated.

MICHIGAN STATE NAVAL BRIGADE.

Before closing my remarks on the part Michigan took in the war with Spain I wish thus publicly to congratulate the State on the character and efficiency of its naval militia, as shown by their gallant conduct during the entire period of the hostilities. Before the first call for volunteers was made on the 23d of April, the Governor received a telegram from the Navy Department asking for a complement of 155 men and nine officers for service on board the United States Ship "Yosemite." Additional men were called for and according to official reports 11 officers and 270 men of the naval militia of Michigan were regularly enlisted in the navy. It was the "Yosemite," manned by Michigan men, which conveyed the transport "Panther" to Guantanamo, and covered the first successful landing of American troops on Cuban soil. Single-handed, the "Yosemite" maintained off San Juan for several weeks one of the closest and most effective blockades of the entire war.

Every father who had a son aboard the "Yosemite" during the fierce engagement of San Juan can point to that son's record with pride.

As Governor of Michigan I congratulate the State on the showing made by its naval militia, and I congratulate the men upon the records they made.

FIRE WARDEN.

This State in common with neighboring States has suffered severe losses from forest fires. The Legislature should enact a law creating the office of Fire Warden which official, with the assistance of deputies, will be able to stop forest fires in their inception. The Fire Warden should have power to summons a posse to assist him. Such an official could undoubtedly save thousands of dollars of property as well as many lives.

The law should also contain a provision compelling lumbermen to make such disposal of slashings as will remove the danger of fire from them.

WOMEN MEMBERS OF ADVISORY BOARDS OF STATE INSTITUTIONS.

I earnestly recommend that such legislation be enacted as may be necessary requiring the appointment of at least one woman on the advisory board and at least one woman physician upon the staff of each State institution, charitable or corrective, having women or girls as inmates.

H. S. PINGREE,

Governor.

At the close of the reading of the message, the Governor, the State Officers and the Justices of the Supreme Court retired.

On motion of Mr. Stewart,

The joint convention adjourned.

The Senators having retired

The Speaker announced that the Senate and House had met in joint convention and had listened to the message of the Governor.

Mr. Lusk offered the following:

Resolved, That the Clerk cause to be printed in pamphlet form, for general distribution, five thousand copies of the Governor's message, provided the Executive Office has not made similar arrangements.

Mr. Kelly moved that the resolution be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Which motion did not prevail.

The resolution was then adopted.

Mr. Lusk offered the following:

Resolved, That the Speaker be, and is hereby authorized to appoint a messenger for the press representatives, and in naming said messenger, the Speaker is respectfully requested to consult the wishes of the regular newspaper correspondents.

For which,

Mr. Chamberlain offered the following substitute:

Resolved. That the Speaker be authorized to appoint a press messenger upon the recommendation of the press correspondents.

Which was agreed to.

The substitute was then adopted.

Mr. Dingley offered the following:

Resolved. That the Speaker be authorized to assign for the use of the representatives of the press in regular attendance upon the sessions of

the House, appropriate desks, and that said representatives be supplied by the Sergeant-at-Arms with files of the Journal's bills and other documents of the House.

Which was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Gillam,

Leave of absence was granted to himself indefinitely.

On motion of Mr. Wood,

Leave of absence was granted to himself indefinitely.

Charles S. Despres, Third Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms, appeared at the Clerk's desk, took and subscribed the constitutional oath of office, and entered on his duties.

By unanimous consent,

Mr. Chamberlain gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A joint resolution relative to the binding of the Compiled Laws of 1897.

The Speaker announced the following:

Lansing, January 4, 1899.

To the House:

I have this day, pursuant to resolution of the House, appointed Ralph C. Miller as stenographic clerk and Roy Pearson as Clerk's messenger.

LEWIS M. MILLER,
Clerk.

Mr. Stewart moved that the House adjourn.

Which motion prevailed, and

The Speaker declared the House adjourned until 4 o'clock p. m. on Wednesday next.

{ REPRESENTATIVE HALL, LANSING,
{ Wednesday, January 11, 1899.

The House met pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Hunt.

Roll called: quorum present.

Absent without leave: Messrs. Brownell, Burch, Caldwell, Carton, Chamberlain, Dingley, Duff, Eikhoff, Foster, Gillam, Hall, Hammond, Hart, Hatzenbuehler, Heineman, Kerr, McLeod, Moore, Murphy, Nash, Pearson, Robinson, Shepherd and Weter.

On motion of Mr. Dickinson,

Leave of absence was granted to all absentees.

On motion of Mr. Dudley,

Leave of absence was granted to Mr. Foster for ten days.

On motion of Mr. Gray,

Leave of absence was granted to Mr. Chamberlain indefinitely.

Mr. Lusk offered the following:

Resolved, That House Rule 41 be amended so as to read as follows:

Rule 41. The following standing committees shall consist of nine members each:

Committee on Ways and Means, Judiciary, Railroads, Liquor Traffic, Private Corporations, Fisheries and Game, State Affairs, Revision and Amendment of Statutes and General Taxation. The committee on Apportionment shall consist of thirteen members. All other committees shall consist of five members each and shall be appointed at the commencement of the session. The standing committees of the House shall be as follows:

1. Agricultural College.
2. Agriculture.
3. Apportionment.
4. Asylum for Criminal Insane.
5. City Corporations.
6. Drainage.
7. Eastern Asylum for Insane.
8. Education.
9. Elections.
10. Federal Relations.
11. Fisheries and Game.
12. General Taxation.
13. Geological Survey.
14. Home for Feeble Minded.
15. Horticulture.
16. Industrial School for Boys.
17. Industrial Home for Girls.
18. Institution for the Deaf and Dumb.
19. Insurance.
20. Judiciary.
21. Labor.
22. Liquor Traffic.
23. Local Taxation.
24. Lumber and Salt.
25. Michigan Asylum for Insane.
26. Military Affairs.
27. Mines and Minerals.
28. Normal Schools.
29. Northern Asylum for Insane.
30. Printing.
31. Private Corporations.
32. Public Health.
33. Public Lands.
34. Railroads.
35. Religious and Benevolent Societies.
36. Revision and Amendment of the Statutes.
37. Roads and Bridges.
38. Rules and Joint Rules.
39. School for the Blind.
40. School of Mines.
41. Soldiers' Home.
42. State Affairs.
43. State Capitol and Public Buildings.
44. State House of Correction.

45. State Library.
46. State Prison.
47. State Public School.
48. Supplies and Expenditures.
49. Towns and Counties.
50. University.
51. Upper Peninsula Asylum for the Insane.
52. Upper Peninsula Prison.
53. Village Corporations.
54. Ways and Means.

Be it further,

Resolved, That Rule 44 be and is hereby rescinded.

Which was adopted, two-thirds of the members elect voting therefor.

By unanimous consent,

Mr. Phillips offered the following:

Whereas, At the special session of the Legislature, held in the year 1898, an act was passed authorizing a war loan to the extent of a half million dollars for the purpose of recruiting, enlisting, organizing, arming and equipping the military forces of the State to assist the National Government in the threatened war with Spain; and

Whereas, In carrying out the provisions of this act, a large amount of money, to wit: About \$500,000, was necessarily expended in channels outside of the ordinary routine of appropriations; therefore

Resolved, That the Speaker is hereby directed to appoint a committee of five members of this House for the purpose of making a full and complete investigation into the conduct of organizing and equipping of the State troops; to examine the books and papers of the Quartermaster General, Adjutant General and the Military Board, and all matters referred to in the foregoing preamble, and the expenditure of the said war fund; and be it further

Resolved, That such committee be and is hereby empowered to send for persons and papers, to administer oaths to witnesses, to take depositions and employ such assistance as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution.

Resolved, That said committee is hereby requested to report as promptly as may be its findings under this resolution, together with such recommendations as it may see fit to make for the further action of this House.

Which was adopted.

The Speaker announced as the committee under the resolution, Messrs. Phillips, Burfoot, Laflamboy, Aldrich and Handy.

The Speaker also announced the following as the committee on grouping of committees and assignment of rooms:

Messrs. Gustin, Lusk, Dudley, Fleischhauer, McCall.

The Speaker also announced the following as the committee on mileage:

Messrs. Kelly, McLean and Gillam.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS.

No. 1. By Mr. Schmidt: Memorial relative to the Gardiner vs. Schmidt contested election case.

On demand of Mr. Schmidt,

The memorial was read at length and spread at large on the Journal, as follows:

To the House of Representatives of the State of Michigan:

First, Your petitioner, Henry M. Schmidt, respectfully represents that he is a citizen and a qualified elector of the United States of the First Representative Legislative District of the county of Saginaw, the territorial limits of which is the city of Saginaw;

Second, That at the last general election, held November 8, 1898, he was a candidate upon the Democrat People's Union Silver Ticket for Representative in the State Legislature, from the First Representative District of the county of Saginaw; that William E. Gardiner has filed a petition with your honorable body, stating that he was a candidate for Representative, from the First Representative District of the county of Saginaw, upon the Republican ticket, in the city of Saginaw, county of Saginaw; that in said petition the said William E. Gardiner claims that there were more votes counted in the Thirteenth ward of said district at said election than there were cast; and that he was duly elected Representative in the place of your petitioner; "and that a committee may be appointed for the investigation of said matters, or that some other means and methods may be adopted, as to the Legislature may seem proper, to obtain the truth of the matter; and that your petitioner may be declared Representative elected to the State Legislature from the First Representative District of Saginaw county, for the term commencing January, 1899, instead of said Henry M. Schmidt," your petitioner; and admits that the names of the persons who were running upon the different tickets for Representative are correctly stated in the petition of William E. Gardiner;

Third, Your petitioner further represents that he was duly and legally elected Representative from the First Representative District of the county of Saginaw, and that the county board of canvassers for the county of Saginaw did find after canvassing the votes from said district, that your petitioner was duly and legally elected; and your petitioner has taken the oath of office and is now acting as Representative in the State Legislature of the State of Michigan;

Fourth, Your petitioner further represents that he has been informed and believes that in the Ninth ward of said city of Saginaw there were five straight Democrat votes counted for William E. Gardiner, the Republican nominee on said ticket for Representative, when the same should have been counted for your petitioner; that the same state of facts occurred in all of the eighteen voting precincts in the city of Saginaw, as your petitioner has been informed and believes; and that if the votes were recounted in each of the voting precincts of said city by the committee appointed upon the petition of William E. Gardiner, to investigate said matter, that your petitioner would receive a larger majority of the votes than was credited to him by the board of county canvassers, as your petitioner has been informed and believes, that ought to have been counted for your petitioner;

Fifth, Your petitioner therefore prays that your honorable body will, by resolution, instruct the committee already appointed to investigate

said matters, to recount the entire votes cast for Representatives, in the eighteen voting precincts, in the First Representative District of the county of Saginaw, as it would be only fair and just to both your petitioner and the said William E. Gardiner, as it would determine who had received the highest number of votes cast at said election; and if your petitioner received the highest number of votes cast in said district, it would be an outrage and an injustice to unseat him and seat the said William E. Gardiner; and if the said William E. Gardiner received the highest number of votes in the Representative District, then it would be unjust and unfair for your petitioner to retain his seat.

Respectfully yours,

HENRY M. SCHMIDT,
Petitioner.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, }
COUNTY OF INGHAM. }

Henry M. Schmidt, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he has heard read the foregoing petition by him subscribed; that he knows the contents thereof, and that the same is true of his own knowledge and belief, except as to matters which are therein stated to be on information and belief, and as to those matters, he believes them to be true.

HENRY M. SCHMIDT.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this day of January, A. D. 1899.

E. S. BEACH,

Notary Public, in and for the County of Saginaw, Michigan.

No. 2. By mail to the Clerk: Resolutions of the Board of Supervisors of Marquette county relative to a decrease of the number of Supervisors in said county.

The resolutions were read at length and spread at large on the Journal, as follows:

Whereas, The representation on the Board of Supervisors of this county, now thirty-nine, is much greater than in other counties of the State of like population, and more than three times greater than in Houghton county, where, with a population and wealth much greater than ours, twelve supervisors constitute the entire board and transact the business of that county satisfactorily; therefore

Resolved, That it is the sense of this board that the representation on the board should be reduced by appropriate legislation at the coming session of the Legislature and that in the cities of Ishpeming, Negaunee and Marquette, the number of wards should be reduced to at most six in Ishpeming, three in Negaunee and five in Marquette; that the townships of Sands, Skandia and West Branch should be consolidated in one township or attached to adjoining towns; that Ely be attached to Ishpeming township and Humboldt be attached to Republic township; that Negaunee and Marquette townships should be made one or attached to adjoining territory, and that if in other towns the resident population is found small enough, such other towns also should be, if possible, consolidated:

That this action is to the end that unnecessary taxation may be in future avoided, as all unnecessary taxation is unfair and unjust to the people.

Resolved, That this resolution be spread on the records and certified copies be furnished by the clerk to all interested municipalities of the county and to the Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State Legislature. That the three cities mentioned are urged to take immediate action looking to a reappointment of wards followed by the request of each to be preferred to the Legislature supplementing and supporting this resolution.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, }
COUNTY OF MARQUETTE. }

I, William A. Ross, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, for the County of Marquette, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct transcript, compared by me, from the original resolution, this day offered by Mr. George Hayden, Supervisor, now remaining in my office, and of record in the proceedings of said board, and of the whole of such original.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto subscribed by name at the city of Marquette, in said county, this 28th day of December, A. D. 1898.

WM. A. ROSS,
Clerk.

Referred to the Committee on Towns and Counties.

No. 3. By mail to the Clerk: Resolutions of the common council of Ishpeming against any change in the number of supervisors of Marquette county.

The resolutions were read at length and spread at large on the Journal, as follows:

Whereas, At the last meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Marquette county, Michigan, a resolution, for the apparent purpose of retrenching expenses by curtailing the representation on said board by reducing the number of wards in the cities of Ishpeming, Negaunee and Marquette, and by consolidating the various townships in this county, was sprung by Supervisor George W. Hayden and was passed, without due consideration, by said board by a vote of sixteen for to fifteen against said resolution; and

Whereas, No request has come to this council from the electors of this city asking for the reduction of the number of wards into which this city is divided, or for the action and changes contemplated by the said George W. Hayden resolution; and

Whereas, It is the opinion of this council that there would be no financial or other benefit accruing to this city by reducing the present number of wards, but that great inconvenience would follow therefrom; therefore be it

Resolved, That this council is opposed to the action and changes contemplated by the said George W. Hayden resolution for the following (as well as other) reasons:

1. We believe the present number of wards in the city none too many to give the different quarters of the city due and proper representation on this council.

2. The same number of precincts would be necessary in any event and, therefore, no saving would be made by reducing the number of wards.

3. Great injustice would be done the people of the townships already organized, who have road, school and other systems for their convenience and suitable to their wants fully established.

4. We are opposed to the action and changes contemplated by the said George W. Hayden resolution because it did not arise from the needs or wishes of the people at large. We firmly believe that the people always know their own wants in matters of government and we believe it is always just and wise and the duty of good citizenship to first consult the people in regard to any changes to be made in their political affairs and conditions.

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread upon our records and that certified copies thereof be furnished by the city recorder to the Governor of this State, to the Representatives in the State Legislature from this county and district, to the clerks of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the State Legislature and to the Board of Supervisors of Marquette county.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, {
COUNTY OF MARQUETTE. }

I, Patrick F. Small, clerk of the common council for the city of Ishpeming, Marquette county, Michigan, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct transcript, compared by me from the original resolution as presented, read and passed by the common council of the city of Ishpeming, at its meeting held Wednesday evening, January 4th, 1899, now remaining in my office of record in the proceedings of said board of aldermen and of the whole of such original.

In testimony whereof I have hereunder subscribed my name and affixed the seal of said city at the city of Ishpeming, in said county, this seventh day of January, A. D. 1899.

PATRICK F. SMALL,
City Recorder.

Referred to the committee on Towns and Counties.

NOTICES.

Mr. Dudley gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to legalize certain bonds of the township of Brooks in Newaygo county.

Mr. Dickinson gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill amending the charter of the city of Detroit.

Mr. Dickinson gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill relative to granting street railway franchises in the city of Detroit.

Mr. Goodell gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend Act No. 262 of the Laws of 1897, entitled an Act to require township boards to make and publish annually an itemized statement of the condition of the finances of the township in relation to the receipts and disbursements made by the township board.

Mr. Cheever gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill concerning proceedings against concealed, absent and non-resident defendants in chancery, and to amend section 80 of Chapter 176 of the Compiled Laws of 1871, being Section 6670 of Howell's Annotated Statutes of the State of Michigan, as amended.

Mr. Cheever gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill relating to negotiable instruments.

Mr. Phillips gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill for the incorporation of fruit growers associations. .

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

Mr. Gustin (for Mr. Chamberlain), previous notice having been given, asked leave to introduce

House joint resolution No. 1, entitled

Joint resolution relative to the binding of the Compiled Laws of 1897.

The joint resolution was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Gustin,

The rules were suspended, two-thirds of the members present voting therefor, and the bill was put on its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Aldrich	Mr. Gustin	Mr. Read, J. H.
Alward	Handy	Reed, G. W.
Anderson	Heck	Reed, W. A.
Babcock	Herrig	Rulison
Baumgaertner	Hofmeister	Schmidt
Burdick	Howell	Scully
Burfoot	Keep	Shisler
Buskirk	Kelly	Soper
Chandler	Kingott	Stumpfenhusen
Cheever	Lafamboy	Sutherland
Colby	Locher	Taziman
Collins	Lugers	Van Camp
Colvin	Lusk	Waterbury
Crosby	McCall	Watters

Mr. Davis	Mr. McCallum	Mr. Wayne	
Dickinson	McKay	Weier	
Doyle	McLean	Wells	
Dudley	Mason	Weter	
Fleischhauer	Miller	Wheeler	
Gillette	Murdoch	Whitney	
Goodell	Nevins	Wing	
Goodrich	Niedermeier	Wood	
Goodyear	Oberdorffer	Woodruff	
Gordon	Pack	Speaker	
Gray	Randall		73
	NAYS.		0

Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Gustin,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR.

To the Honorable House of Representatives:

In accordance with the provisions of Section 11, Article 5 of the Constitution of Michigan, I have the honor to transmit herewith a list of the pardons and commutations of sentence granted by me during the years 1897 and 1898, with the reasons therefor.

Very respectfully,

H. S. PINGREE,
Governor.

PARDONS AND COMMUTATIONS.

To the Legislature:

In accordance with the provisions of Section 11 of Art. V, of the Constitution of Michigan, I have the honor to submit herewith a list of the pardons and commutations of sentence granted by me during the years 1897 and 1898, with the reasons therefor.

Very respectfully,

H. S. PINGREE,
Governor.

AUGUST GROSSMAN.
HENRY JACOBS.

AUGUST FUHRMANN.
CARL VOGLER.

The above named were tried and convicted of the crime of murder in the first degree in the circuit court for the county of Alpena, to which county the cases had been transferred from the county of Presque Isle, and each was sentenced for life to the State Prison at Jackson. The cases were tried before Honorable R. J. Kelley, circuit judge, and a

jury. The prosecuting officers were Attorney General Ellis, Philip A. Inglesby and James McNamara. Grossman was tried in the November term of 1892 and the others jointly tried in the May term of the following year.

These men were convicted of the murder of Albert Molitor at Rogers City, Presque Isle county, on August 23, 1875, the murder being the result of a widespread conspiracy and a large number of men were implicated in it.

Investigation of the Board of Pardons, upon whose recommendation these men were pardoned, shows that Molitor, who was a man of education and ability and was engaged in various mercantile enterprises in Presque Isle county, had come, originally, from Germany and settled at Rogers City. By nature he was a despot, and his treatment of those whom he considered inferior to him in social position was almost tyrannical. He was easily the leader of the German community of his vicinity and ruled them with a hand of iron. He was, politically, successful among them and he used his political powers for his private purposes, and was domineering over the people who looked up to him; so much so that they began to fear him, and, being ignorant of the customs and laws of this country, feared that he would ruin them and their families.

The investigation of the Board of Pardons discloses further that the homes and honor of these poor people were not safe in Molitor's hands, and that he sacrificed the virtue and chastity of the wives and daughters of these men until their forbearance ceased. A conspiracy was formed, which had for its purpose the murder of Molitor, and a large number of German settlers met and took oath to this effect and that they would never reveal any of the names of the persons implicated.

Molitor and his clerk, Edward Sullivan, were killed one evening while in their store, shots having been fired through the window.

Sixteen years passed away and Grossman, Fuhrmann, Jacobs and Vogler built up for themselves a reputation for honesty and integrity in the community that many men might envy. They were good citizens in every sense of the word. Eventually, upon the confession of one Repke, these four men were implicated, together with himself, in this murder, with the result as previously stated.

The four first named strenuously insisted that they knew of the existence of the conspiracy to kill Molitor, but that they were not present on the night of the murder. Repke, who was also convicted and sentenced to Jackson Prison for life, has since made a confession, in which he says that his former confession, implicating these men, was false, and he now states that they were not at the meeting the night when the murder was committed.

In view of this and other circumstances their pardon was granted.

DAVID WIXOM.

David Wixom was sentenced from Washtenaw county, May 6, 1896, to Jackson Prison for the term of four years, being convicted of the crime of larceny. He was pardoned February 19, 1897. The grounds for this man's pardon was that the representation had been made that he was

suffering from consumption and could not recover. He died in Jackson county July, 1897.

THOMAS SMITH.

Thomas Smith was convicted of murder in the first degree and sentenced to Jackson Prison for life from Charlevoix county. November, 1886.

This case was investigated by the Board of Pardons and their recommendation was that the petition be denied. The case, however, was reopened by the board and a recommendation was filed, asking that he be pardoned upon the ground that he was suffering from dropsy; that he had been confined in the hospital continuously for nearly a year, and in the opinion of the prison physician and of Dr. Gilbert, of the Board of Pardons, his ultimate recovery was impossible. Owing to the fact that the prisoner was 75 years old, and considering the recommendation of the Board of Pardons, he was pardoned March 10, 1897.

JOSEPH BETTINGER.
WILLIAM H. BIRD.

DANIEL M. BUTLER.
HARRY J. BENZING.

The above named persons were convicted of conspiracy to defraud, in the recorder's court of the city of Detroit, before Honorable W. W. Chapin, judge, and Honorable Allan H. Frazer, prosecuting attorney. On May 16, 1896, they were each sentenced for the term of one year and six months to the Detroit House of Correction.

Butler and Bettinger had, for some time, been coroners of Wayne county, and Bird and Benzing were their respective clerks. The crime of which they were convicted was a conspiracy to defraud the county by collecting jury and witness fees for alleged inquests, which were never held. They would inquire into the cause of the death of certain persons, but not finding an actual inquest necessary, would make false jury and witness certificates in the cases and collect the fees from the county and appropriate the same to their own use. In this it seems they were following a custom which had prevailed for years by the officials who had preceded them. They were all young men and prior to this time had borne excellent reputations. Clemency in their behalf was solicited by many of the best citizens of Detroit and Wayne county, and upon the recommendation of the Board of Pardons, who seemed to think their punishment had been sufficient, they were pardoned March 25, 1897.

FLOYD DUVAL.

Floyd Duval was sentenced November 2, 1896, from the police court of Wayne county to the Reform School at Lansing for the term of five years, having been convicted of larceny. Duval was a young lad, who seems to have gotten into evil company, and his arrest and conviction occurred without the knowledge of his parents. They were anxious to have him released, so that he might be taken home and properly looked after and his education completed. Believing that his parents were better able to care for him, and would doubtless look after him, and

that his personal welfare would be better than if left in the hands of the State, he was pardoned May 14, 1897.

JAMES DUKE.

James Duke was convicted in the circuit court of Kent county of the crime of larceny from the person, before Honorable William E. Grove, circuit judge, and jury, and Honorable Alfred Wolcott, prosecuting attorney, and sentenced February 24, 1896, to two years at Ionia prison.

The offense alleged to have been committed consisted in the larceny of some money from a man by the name of Walsh. It appears that Duke came to Grand Rapids from Milwaukee, fell in with Walsh and one Van Norman; the party became intoxicated and proceeded in a hack to "see the town." Investigation by the Board of Pardons shows that Walsh became so drunk that if he lost any money he did not know where he lost it or whether it was stolen, and the board were convinced that Duke had no hand in taking Walsh's money, and if it was stolen at all it was doubtless stolen by Van Norman, whose previous record shows him to be a man of bad character.

Duke came from an excellent family in Milwaukee and has always been regarded as honest and trustworthy and had not been given to the use of liquor except occasionally, when absent from home. His pardon was solicited by the best citizens of Milwaukee, Chicago and Detroit. On recommendation of the Board of Pardons, he was pardoned May 4, 1897.

JAMES P. AUSTIN.

James P. Austin was convicted April 26, 1897, of violation of the game laws and sentenced to imprisonment in the jail of Clare county for twenty days. He was pardoned May 14, 1897.

The result of this young man's conviction appears to me to have been largely a misapprehension of what was wanted of him, he having been employed, as he thought, by a Deputy Game Warden, to catch some brook trout. The facts were considerably under dispute, but I am convinced if any offense at all was committed by the boy, it was because of a misapprehension of the law, in that he believed he was fishing with the sanction of the Deputy Game Warden.

Believing this, and that he had been punished enough, he was pardoned.

WILLIAM T. EVARTS.

William T. Evarts was convicted in the circuit court of Genesee county, before Honorable C. H. Wisner, of violation of the liquor law, and sentenced April 19, 1897, to imprisonment in the county jail for a period of six months. He was pardoned July 21, 1897.

The reason for action in this case was that it appeared from an investigation of Evert's character that he had always been a good citizen and that his punishment was sufficient, and that his presence was needed more by his family than his imprisonment was by the State.

For these reasons his pardon was granted.

FRANK J. BRADY.

Frank J. Brady was convicted April, 1897, in Oakland county, before Honorable George W. Smith, circuit judge, and Honorable Fred Wieland, prosecuting attorney, of the crime of perjury, and was sentenced to Jackson for a period of one year. He was pardoned May 18, 1897, upon recommendation of the physician at the prison, who stated that Brady was seriously ill with consumption.

MICHAEL LYNCH.

Michael Lynch was convicted in the superior court of Grand Rapids, before Honorable E. A. Burlingame and jury, and Honorable Alfred Wolcott, prosecuting attorney, of the crime of burglary and larceny. March 13, 1894, he was sentenced to Jackson for five years; he was pardoned September 7, 1897.

Investigation of the Board of Pardons, upon whose recommendation this pardon was made, shows that Lynch was sent to prison for five years for stealing a chicken. In addition to the severity of his sentence there were extremely grave doubts as to his guilt. Some years ago he had served a sentence at Jackson for burglary, and this, evidently, was the cause of his conviction of this crime, the facts being purely circumstantial and very unsatisfactory. Judge Burlingame, in commenting on the sentence, said that at that time there was an epidemic of petty crimes and he thought best to make an example of Lynch, but now asks that he be released.

CHARLES BROWN.

Charles Brown was sentenced in 1882 by Honorable Chauncey Gage, from the circuit court for Saginaw county, to Jackson Prison for twenty-five years, having been convicted of the crime of rape. This case was thoroughly investigated by the Board of Pardons and upon their recommendation pardon was granted.

The investigation of this crime shows that Brown, aside from the fact that he was addicted to the excessive use of liquor, had been a man of good character and industrious. There was some conflict regarding the details of the offense, and Judge Gage said to the board that it was one of his first criminal cases, and added that if he were to sentence Brown now he would not give him more than fifteen years. He also said, "were I Governor, I would pardon Brown at once." Brown's conduct in prison has been excellent, having been a "trusty" for a number of years, and in view of the fact that he had but a short time more to serve, his good time expiring on August 6, 1898, his pardon was granted September 10, 1897.

JOEL A. THOMAS.

Joel A. Thomas was convicted in the circuit court for the county of Kalamazoo, before Honorable George M. Buck, circuit judge, and Honorable Allen Frost, prosecuting attorney, of the crime of manslaughter. On November 2, 1895, he was sentenced to Jackson Prison for a period of seven years. Investigation of the Board of Pardons, upon whose

recommendation this pardon was granted on September 10, 1897, shows that this specific charge was the perpetration of an abortion, the victim dying from blood poisoning. Also, that there were circumstances connected with the case which would make it doubtful to an educated physician whether death was caused by the operation referred to, or from other reasons.

However, the question of innocence was not raised, the recommendation being solely on the ground of the prisoner's health, he having been stricken with paralysis and being almost helpless. The prison physician and Dr. Gilbert, of the Board of Pardons, reported him as growing gradually more feeble and advised this man's release at once.

CHARLES W. NORTHRUP.

Charles W. Northrup was convicted of assault with intent to do great bodily harm, and sentenced March 23, 1893, from the Saginaw circuit court, to imprisonment at Ionia for four and one-half years. He was pardoned September 10, 1897.

Investigation of the Board of Pardons, upon whose recommendation this pardon was granted, shows that Northrup and one Treadwell were employed by William Thompson, who owned a farm near Saginaw; that in the absence of Thompson from his home, they became involved in a dispute as to who was in charge of the care of certain horses and, as a result of the dispute, Northrup shot Treadwell in the abdomen. He gives for his reason for doing so that Treadwell threatened to brain him with an ax. Treadwell's injuries were slight and he soon recovered. His previous good character and respectability, and the fact that he had served more than one-half of his original sentence, and the recommendation of the Board of Pardons, made it appear that his punishment had been sufficient.

MORRIS E. ROWLEY.

Morris E. Rowley was convicted in the circuit court of the county of Osceola, March 4, 1896, of assault with intent to kill, and was sentenced by Judge J. B. McMahon to State Prison at Jackson for five years, and his time would expire March 6, 1900.

The Board of Pardons investigated this case and recommended the prisoner's pardon on the ground of his ill health, the question of innocence not having been considered. He was, therefore, pardoned December 2, 1897. It appears from the opinion of the prison physician and of Dr. Gilbert, of the Board of Pardons, that Rowley had but a short time to live, being in the last stages of Bright's disease.

BERNARD LOVEJOY.

Bernard Lovejoy was sent to the branch prison of Marquette from the superior court of Grand Rapids for ten years, dated from April 19, 1895, having been convicted before Judge E. A. Burlingame, a jury, and Honorable Alfred Wolcott, prosecuting attorney, of the crime of sodomy. His good time would expire November 24, 1902.

This application was considered by the Board of Pardons and denied, but was reopened and the recommendation was made on the ground of the prisoner's ill health. It appears that he was in the last stages of consumption and in the opinion of the prison physician and of Dr. Gilbert, of the Board of Pardons, his death was a matter of but a few weeks.

His family, who live in Iowa, had forwarded money so that he might come to them, and under these circumstances it was deemed best to allow him to die in freedom. He was, therefore, pardoned December 2, 1897.

I am informed he died a few days after he reached home.

CHARLES NORMAN.

Charles Norman was convicted in the circuit court of St. Clair county, before Honorable S. W. Vance, circuit judge, and Honorable Cyrus A. Hovey, prosecuting attorney, of the crime of burglary, and sentenced August 1, 1892, to Ionia prison for seven years. His good time would make his sentence expire January 16, 1898. He was pardoned October 13, 1897, upon the recommendation of the Board of Pardons, who stated that Norman had previously borne an excellent reputation, having been a business man of good standing in Fort county, Ontario, but through misfortune and bad crops had lost all he had. He committed a series of burglaries, but in each case the amount taken was trivial. Numerous letters from prominent citizens of Ontario and a lengthy petition, together with the recommendation of the Board of Pardons, made it appear that his punishment had been sufficient.

JESSE SMALLEY.

Jesse Smalley, John Husted and Bert Damon, convicted in the circuit court for Clinton county, before Hon. S. D. Daboll, circuit judge, and Hon. W. A. Leet, prosecuting attorney, of the crime of burglary. Husted and Damon were sentenced in June, 1896, to Ionia for one year, and Smalley was allowed to go upon suspended sentence until the 16th of December, in order that he might complete some work in which he was engaged. On that date he was called into court and sentenced for one year.

Upon the recommendation of the Board of Pardons he was pardoned August 2, 1897. The Board of Pardons also recommended the pardon of Husted and Damon, but their recommendation was not received by me until the week that their sentence expired.

Investigation of the Board of Pardons showed that these three men assembled at the home of Damon one evening, to play cards; that Mrs. Damon procured liquor for them and when they had become intoxicated advised them to go to a house near by, the occupants of which were absent from home, and procure some of the household goods. They did so and returned with the goods, which consisted of some bedding, to Damon's house. That immediately after, seeing the rashness of their act, they all agreed to take the goods back again, but Mrs. Damon seized them and threw them into the stove and burned them up. The following morning she made complaint to the officers and it is now clearly demonstrated that her action was for the purpose of getting rid of her husband, and this is emphasized, in view of the fact that she immediately instigated proceedings for a divorce, secured a decree, and has since remarried.

The men were all of good reputation and a numerous signed petition in their behalf was presented to the Board of Pardons. In consideration of these circumstances the pardon was granted.

CALVIN YOUNG.

Calvin Young was convicted in the Oakland Circuit court before Hon. Joseph B. Moore, circuit judge, and Hon. Arthur R. Tripp, prosecuting attorney, of murder in the second degree, and on September 2, 1888, was sentenced to Jackson for twenty-five years.

Upon the recommendation of the Board of Pardons he was pardoned July 31, 1897.

Young, at the time of the alleged crime, was a man of good reputation, a law-abiding citizen and farmer by occupation, and had the respect and esteem of all who knew him. His prison record has been exemplary.

The act for which he was imprisoned was the killing of one Levi Allen, over a controversy concerning highway work. Young had been employed on the highway near Allen's house, to dig a gutter to carry off the water. Allen and Young had a dispute as to the method of fixing the ditch. Young insisted that Allen was in the act of drawing a revolver when he hit him with a shovel. Young claims that he did not make any attempt to strike him violently, but whether this be true or not, Allen died of a fractured skull.

The homicide seems to have been more in the nature of an accident than a heinous crime, and in view of the circumstances of the crime and the prisoner's previous blameless life, and upon the petition of many citizens of that locality, endorsed by Hon. J. B. Moore, who said, "In the light of subsequent events had I Young to sentence again I certainly would not give him more than fifteen years," the pardon was granted.

CALVIN HEWITT.

Calvin Hewitt was convicted in the circuit court for Kalamazoo, before Hon. George M. Buck, circuit judge, and Hon. George P. Hopkins, prosecuting attorney, of the crime of rape and sentenced to Jackson prison, January 19, 1889, for twelve years. Upon the recommendation of the Board of Pardons he was pardoned September 10, 1897.

Investigation of the Board of Pardons showed that Hewitt, who was a young boy, pleaded guilty and that the offense alleged to have been committed was upon a woman more than fifty years of age. Hewitt now claims that he pleaded guilty under a misapprehension of what he was charged; that his relations with the woman had been irregular and that they had the custom of drinking and carousing together. Investigation showed that the woman was of a low character and ill-repute.

Hewitt has an old mother, poor and feeble, wholly without means of support except her own labor, and she earnestly prayed for her son's release in order that he might care for her during the winter. His pardon was also solicited by sundry good citizens of Kalamazoo and vicinity, and in view of the long term which he has served, and his exemplary prison record and the urgent need of his aged mother, the pardon was granted.

ROBERT NIXON.

Robert Nixon was convicted in the Genesee circuit court of the crime of manslaughter, and sentenced to Ionia, January 14, 1894, for a term of eight years. He was pardoned September 10, 1897, on the recommendation of the Board of Pardons.

Investigation of the Board of Pardons shows that Nixon and one John Elder were jointly charged with the murder of Charles Lowden. Elder was first tried and convicted of manslaughter and sentenced to Ionia for nine years. Immediately after his conviction his case was appealed to the supreme court, reversed by that body, and a new trial ordered. At the second trial Elder was only convicted of assault and battery and sentenced to imprisonment at the Detroit House of Correction for ninety days. After Elder's first conviction, and pending the hearing in the supreme court, a number of persons, including Hon. George H. Durand of Flint, who was Nixon's attorney, advised Nixon to plead guilty to the charge of manslaughter, which Nixon did; that when such plea was given the court held a consultation with the prisoner and afterward, in open court, the judge stated he could not accept the plea of guilty after hearing the prisoner's statements. A second consultation was held and the court accepted the plea of guilty, and Nixon was sentenced as aforesaid.

The cause of Lowden's death was doubtful. He had received a bruise of some sort over the heart and a clot had formed in the right ventricle of that organ. His skull also was fractured so that his brain protruded. The people's case was based upon the fact that Lowden engaged in a quarrel with Elder and Nixon and that these injuries were inflicted at the time. It is clearly shown now that after the quarrel, Lowden got into a lumber-wagon and rode several miles, sitting up all the time, and afterwards got out of his wagon and walked into the house. It was claimed that the injury to the heart was caused by a kick delivered by Nixon. It is now believed that Nixon was made the scape-goat of Elder and that he was not guilty; that those who charged him thus did so for the purpose of helping Elder and that Nixon had no motive for such a crime. Investigation shows that Lowden was a large, powerful man and a bully, always looking for a fight, and on this day in question had stated that he had licked two men that day and would whip three or four more; that he actually had had several fights that day. In view of the great doubt as to who inflicted the injury upon Lowden—whether it was Elder or Nixon, or some of the men who fought with him that same day—and the fact that Nixon had already served nearly four years, his pardon was granted.

FRANK GRADOWSKI.

Frank Gradowski, convicted in the recorder's court of Detroit, before Hon. F. H. Chambers, presiding judge, and Hon. Allan H. Frazer, prosecuting attorney, of assault with intent to kill, and sentenced February 15, 1894, to Jackson Prison for seven years.

Upon the recommendation of the Board of Pardons he was pardoned September 10, 1897.

Investigation of the Board of Pardons showed that Gradowski and one Sucholski were shop-mates and employed by the Detroit Bridge &

Iron Company. They were also room-mates, boarding in the same house and sleeping in the same room, and were really close friends. One evening they went to a German saloon to play cards; quarreled over the game and had a scuffle without serious results. Sucholski went home at nine o'clock and Gradowski followed an hour later. When they met in their room the quarrel was continued and another scuffle followed and Sucholski pulled out a handful of Gradowski's beard, who then stabbed Sucholski with a pocket-knife. The wound was not serious and Sucholski recovered. Gradowski has always been a peaceable citizen and industrious, and was never before charged with a crime. His prison record was good and his pardon was recommended by the judge and prosecuting attorney who tried him.

SEYMOUR ARRIS.

Seymour Arris was convicted in the circuit court of Ionia county before Hon. F. D. M. Davis, circuit judge, and Hon. R. A. Hawley, prosecuting attorney, of the crime of statutory larceny and sentenced February 18, 1895, to the Marquette prison for five years. Upon the recommendation of the Board of Pardons he was pardoned December 10, 1897.

Arris was convicted of stealing a small quantity of meal, sugar, and other articles, from a store in Belding, and in this, it was charged, he acted with his brother and some other man. Since his conviction, two of the men who participated in the crime have made affidavits that Arris was not guilty. Many of the best citizens of Belding petitioned for his release on the grounds of innocence. The prisoner's record at Marquette was good and at one time he saved the life of one of the guards at the prison, when attacked by other convicts. For these reasons the pardon was granted.

EDWARD C. ROGERS.

Edward C. Rogers was convicted in the Saginaw circuit court before Hon. C. H. Gage, circuit judge, and Hon. W. R. Kendrick, prosecuting attorney, of the crime of murder in the first degree. He was sentenced August 20, 1891, to Jackson Prison for life. Upon the recommendation of the Board of Pardons, he was pardoned December 9, 1897.

Investigation of the Board of Pardons shows that Rogers, prior to the time of his arrest, had been a young man of good family, of good character, honest and industrious. That he became acquainted with a disreputable woman, named Hattie Moses; that the Moses woman was older than Rogers, attractive in person and a shrewd, scheming adventuress. She gained a remarkable influence over Rogers and he was absolutely the slave of her will, while he seemed to be the victim of an insane passion. This unholy alliance continued until his money was exhausted and she, after the manner of her kind, began to cast about for new victims and refused Rogers admittance to her house. The testimony of the reputable physicians of Saginaw is to the effect that Rogers, through his acquaintance with this woman, had become a wreck both physically and mentally. One afternoon he called at her house, shot and killed the woman, and then shot himself. He was taken to the hospital, where he lay for several months, and then brought to trial. His pardon was solicited by Judge Gage, Prosecutor Kendrick, many of the

jurors who sat at the trial, Hon. A. T. Bliss, Hon. Peter Herrig, Robert M. Johnson and many other men of equal standing and character.

For this reason, and in view of the fact that in the opinion of the physicians at the hospital and several experts on mental diseases, Rogers, at the time of the shooting, as well as prior to the time and for a long time afterwards, was insane, his pardon was granted.

MAURICE O'BRIEN.

Maurice O'Brien was convicted in the Chippewa circuit court of assault with intent to rape, and sentenced September 28, 1892, to Marquette prison for nine years. Upon the recommendation of the Board of Pardons he was pardoned September 10, 1897.

Investigation of the Board of Pardons showed that the assault complained of was alleged to have been committed upon one Nellie Jollineau, a girl about ten years of age, who was living with her mother at Sault Ste. Marie; O'Brien being a man more than sixty years of age.

O'Brien lived alone in the upper part of a house, the lower part of which was occupied by Nellie and her mother. It is claimed that one evening he enticed the little girl to his room and there assaluted her. It was principally upon the testimony of the little girl, corroborated somewhat by her mother, and one Maggie Labbit, that the conviction occurred. Since this conviction Maggie Labbit makes an affidavit in which she contradicts her testimony given at the trial and says that Nellie was compelled by her mother to give false evidence against O'Brien. That the little girl did not want to give such evidence, but that her mother threatened and frightened her into testifying as she did. Maggie further said that she was satisfied of O'Brien's innocence and that Mrs. Jollineau's part in the affair was a blackmailing scheme. That little Nellie had since told Maggie that her mother compelled her to swear as she did. Mrs. Jollineau is a woman of bad character and is now living with a man who is not her husband and they are keeping a house of ill-repute at the Soo. Nellie's testimony showed that despite her age she was a girl of low morals and had sunken to a level not often reached by girls of her age, even though she had been brought up by such a mother as Mrs. Jollineau.

O'Brien had no means to employ an attorney when arrested and was brought to trial within an hour after the appointment by the court of the attorney to defend him. His pardon was recommended by Hon. J. H. Steere, the circuit judge, who sentenced him, and many of the best citizens of Sault Ste. Marie, who were conversant with the details of the case and who knew the prisoner.

HARRY DALE.

Harry Dale was sentenced from Wayne county, May 19, 1896, to Jackson prison, for life, having been convicted of the crime of rape. The trial occurred before Hon. W. W. Chapin, judge of the recorder's court of the city of Detroit, and Hon. Allan H. Frazer, prosecuting attorney. Upon the recommendation of the Board of Pardons he was pardoned December 25, 1897.

Dale, at the time of the conviction, was supposed to be the mysterious assaulter of Detroit, and at the time of his trial it was thought by many

people that he was the perpetrator of the many crimes against women, aside from the one of which he was convicted, which had become almost a daily occurrence in that locality. Popular prejudice was against him.

Investigation of the Board of Pardons showed that Dale, whose real name was Thomas Howard, came to Detroit, engaged in business and having formerly failed in business adopted an assumed name. Owing to the fact that he had no friends or acquaintances, and from the peculiar eccentricities of the man, he made a poor defense to the charge against him and it is believed that the jury were influenced in their verdict on account of the public feeling existing in the city of Detroit at the time of the trial, against crimes of this sort. Prominent citizens from various parts of the United States petitioned for the release of this man and gave flattering testimonials as to his character and business ability. Judge Chapin, who sentenced him, also requested his release and the Board of Pardons seemed to feel that he was innocent. For these reasons his pardon was granted.

PARDONS.

JAMES APPELEYARD.

James Appleyard was convicted in the circuit court for Cheboygan county, of the crime of murder in the second degree, and before sentence could be passed was declared insane by the probate court and sent to the asylum at Ionia. He remained in that institution about three years and was then discharged as cured, and returned to the circuit court at Cheboygan and sentenced to the prison at Jackson for the term of ten years.

Appleyard was a resident of St. Paul, Minnesota, employed by the Great Northern Railway as stenographer. He became engaged to a young woman, and their marriage was to have taken place in the fall after their engagement occurred. During that summer the young lady visited her sister at Cheboygan and became acquainted with a young man named Gahan. Her acquaintance with this man resulted in her seduction and she became pregnant. Gahan endeavored to get her to go to Detroit and also tried to have her go to Chicago for the purpose of having a criminal operation performed, but she refused. Her condition became known to her promised husband, who came on to Cheboygan, and agreed to abide by his promise of marriage. Gahan promised to help to pay the expenses of the approaching confinement of the young woman, which was near at hand, and the Appleyards returned to Minneapolis. In May, 1894, the child was born. A serious illness to the mother, in which the husband was put to great expense, followed, and he endeavored to make Gahan keep his promise of financial assistance, but this the latter refused to do, and in August, 1894, Appleyard suddenly left home for Cheboygan. During his wife's confinement and subsequent convalescence the young husband had worked by day at his employment and at night had acted as nurse to his wife and his physical condition was becoming serious although he did not realize it. By the time he arrived at Cheboygan he had been without food and sleep for nearly forty-eight

hours. He called at once on Gahan, but the latter refused to help him and used him, as Appleyard claims, in an insolent manner. A quarrel ensued and Appleyard shot Gahan, killing him.

I have given this matter careful consideration and have also considered the recommendations for his pardon from his former employers and also from some of the most prominent and substantial people of the State of Minnesota. I believe the young man has many redeeming qualities, and that he was "more sinned against than sinning." He was imprisoned for a time in the county jail, pending trial, and afterward was confined in Ionia, as I have stated above, and has suffered extreme mental anguish. His conduct toward his wife, under such trying circumstances, gives evidence of more than ordinary strength of character. His old employers promised to give him work, and on June 28, 1898, I gave him an absolute pardon.

MAY CAMPBELL.

May Campbell was convicted in the circuit court for the county of Alger of the crime of keeping a house of ill-fame, and sentenced to the Detroit House of Correction for a term of eighteen months, sentence being passed December 10, 1896. I granted this pardon on the representations made to me by reputable physicians that her mother was in a serious condition resulting from a complication of diseases, and that she needed her daughter's help at home. She had but thirty days more to serve, and I deemed that her service to the State was of less importance than her duties at home.

THOMAS DONOVAN.

Thomas Donovan was convicted in the recorder's court for the city of Detroit, of the crime of breaking and entering a store in the night time. He was sentenced to the Detroit House of Correction for a term of two years. I pardoned him February 2, 1898, when he had about seven months more to serve. The prison physicians represented to me that Donovan was in a critical condition resulting from consumption, and that his continued incarceration would result in speedy death.

JACOB MENDELSON.

Jacob Mendelsohn was convicted in the circuit court for Houghton county, of the crime of receiving stolen goods, and was sentenced to a term of six months imprisonment in the county jail. This man was employed by a merchant whose goods he removed from the store and out of the township to secrete them. He acted under his employer's orders, it being the intention of the latter to defraud his creditors. The goods taken were not the absolute property of the store-keeper. He had a wife and child depending upon him for support, and as they were without means for caring for themselves since the husband and father had been imprisoned, I deemed that the crime of which he was convicted was not of enough enormity to warrant his further detention. He was pardoned March 25, 1898.

JOHN GORHAM.

John Gorham was convicted, in the Circuit Court for the county of

Ontonagon, of the crime of keeping a house of ill-fame, and was sentenced June 15, 1896, to Jackson prison for a term of five years.

Upon the recommendation of the Board of Pardons I granted his pardon on March 19, 1898, when he had fifteen months more to serve. Gorham was suffering from cancer of the tongue which at the time of his pardon had progressed so far toward the arteries of the throat as, in the opinion of the prison physician and of Dr. Saxton of the Board of Pardons, to make his recovery impossible, and his death a matter of a few weeks. This diagnosis was justified by subsequent events, as Gorham died in July, 1898.

CHARLES LONG.

Charles Long was convicted in the Circuit Court for the county of Genesee, of the crime of burglary and was sentenced April 18, 1894, to Jackson prison for a term of five years.

Upon recommendation of the Board of Pardons I pardoned him March 25, 1898, thirty-five days before the expiration of his sentence. Dr. Gibson, the prison physician, and Dr. Saxton of the Board of Pardons represented to me that Long was becoming blind from an attack of iritis which had doubtless been caused by his work in the machine shop at the prison, where he was compelled in the performance of his duties to keep his eyes fixed upon glowing hot iron. He had a little money and he was pardoned so that he might use the same in procuring treatment at Ann Arbor hospital. I am informed that unfortunately the physicians have been unable to do much for him, and that his eyesight is doubtless permanently destroyed.

MARION FORTRESS.

Marion Fortress was convicted by the Circuit Court for Shiawassee county, of the crime of keeping a house of ill-fame, and was sentenced to Marquette prison for a term of five years from May 25, 1895.

Upon the recommendation of the Board of Pardons I granted this pardon on September 29, 1898. The investigation of the board showed that Fortress had trouble with his wife and had separated from her. He became infatuated with a woman living in Owosso who kept what is known as a "bed-house" and went to live with her. Their co-habitation lasted but a week but during that time the authorities arrested both of them and Fortress was convicted as above stated. In view of the fact that he had previously borne an excellent reputation and that his "fall from grace" was apparently so short lived, I concluded that the community could not be harmed by his release.

ELGIE STEVENS.

Elgie Stevens was convicted in the Circuit Court for the county of Calhoun, of the crime of burglary and sentenced December 31, 1896, to Ionia for a term of three years. His pardon was granted February 28, 1898, upon the recommendation of the Board of Pardons.

Stevens had a wife and small babe, and being out of employment, in company with some other young men, stole a small quantity of hides valued at less than ten dollars. His father and mother had separated

while he was a small child and the father had gone to Nebraska, where he was a prosperous citizen. The father knew nothing of the son's imprisonment and kept writing to the mother to allow the boy to come with him and take charge of his property, which the Board of Pardons ascertained to be of large amount. In view of the fact that he had served more than half his sentence, and that this was the opportunity of his life to become reformed, and that his future financial success depended on the same, I granted his pardon without hesitancy.

DANIEL KEITH.

Daniel Keith was convicted in the recorder's court for the city of Detroit, of the crime of assault with intent to rob. He was sentenced in April, 1893, to Jackson for a term of ten years. Upon the recommendation of the Board of Pardons I granted this man's pardon July 6, 1898, which was within two years of the expiration of his term.

The investigation of the board showed that Keith attempted to snatch a pocket-book from an old lady who was walking on the streets of Detroit. At the time of his conviction, on account of his reticence as to his past life, it was thought that he was doubtless an experienced criminal, and this opinion may have had something to do with his term of sentence. The investigation of the board showed that he came of an excellent family in Glencoe, Ontario. He had led the life of a sailor for two years prior to his conviction, during which time he had regularly sent money to aid in the support of his aged parents. At the time of his pardon his mother was lying at the point of death, and his brothers visited the board and me in his behalf. He had an opportunity to secure permanent and honorable employment in his old home and I therefore pardoned him.

WILLIAM D. LARKINS.

William D. Larkins was convicted in the circuit court of Berrien county of the crime of larceny and sentenced September 2, 1897, to Jackson prison for three years. On the recommendation of the Board of Pardons I pardoned this young man September 29, 1898.

The investigation of the board showed that Larkins had always been a sober, industrious man, living in Minneapolis. He became acquainted with and married a young woman whom he believed to be respectable and virtuous. A few weeks after the marriage he returned unexpectedly to his home and found his wife on the bed in a compromising position with another man. He left home that night for Chicago and finally drifted to St. Joseph, where he fell in with evil companions, and one night, becoming intoxicated, took a watch from the pocket of one of his associates. Judge Coolidge, in a letter to the board, said: "The party pleaded guilty at once and was sentenced almost immediately. I got the impression then that he was a bad character. I am convinced that I was mistaken. He had been an industrious man and I do not believe he belongs to the criminal class, and that his punishment of several months imprisonment has sufficiently answered the demands of justice in his case, and that it would not be detrimental to the public interest to release him." He was, therefore, pardoned as above stated.

WILLIAM HAAS.

William Haas was convicted in the recorder's court of the city of Detroit, of the crime of assault with intent to do great bodily harm. He was sentenced October 5, 1895, to Jackson prison for a term of four years. Upon the recommendation of the Board of Pardons, I granted this man's pardon September 29, 1898. Haas was a carpenter and for some time prior to his conviction had but little employment, so that his wife had to go to her father at times for help. The father had originally opposed the marriage and forbade Haas to see his wife and children. This Haas attempted to do, and on one occasion his father-in-law threw him from the house, and followed up the assault, and in the melee the father-in-law was shot and slightly wounded in the arm. Haas has been an exemplary prisoner, and as he had but four months more to serve and had an opportunity to secure steady employment, I deemed that his family needed his assistance more than public justice demanded the absolute fulfillment of the original terms of his sentence.

COLLIN PARDEE.

Collin Pardee was convicted in the circuit court of Huron county of the crime of statutory rape and sentenced March 28, 1896, to Jackson prison for the term of five years.

Upon the recommendation of the Board of Pardons, and the statement of the judge and prosecuting attorney, who agreed that the whole thing was a "put up job," and that "the witnesses lied," and that the pardon of Pardee should be granted because of a mistaken verdict, I pardoned him on the 28th of September, 1898.

JACOB L. SUMMERS.

Jacob L. Summers was convicted in the circuit court of Macomb county of the crime of obtaining a promissory note under false pretenses. He was sentenced February 7, 1898, to Jackson prison for a term of three years. Upon the recommendation of the Board of Pardons, I pardoned this man September 29, 1898.

Summers was convicted with one Nelson. Their business was the selling of a patent food cooker for cattle and horses. It appears that they sold township rights, and sold the same township to two different men. Summers had for a long time been a resident of Macomb county, while Nelson was a stranger. Nelson himself says that Summers had nothing to do with the business, and that he was hired at five dollars per day to furnish horses and carriages and to drive Nelson through the county and introduce him to the farmers. From the investigation of the Board of Pardons, I cannot see how this man could be guilty of complicity in the crime charged against him, and so pardoned him as above stated.

ERNEST TEBO.

Ernest Tebo was convicted in the circuit court of Bay county of the crime of larceny and sentenced March 5, 1897, to Ionia prison for the term of three years. Upon the recommendation of the Board of Pardons, I pardoned him September 29, 1898.

Tebo was convicted with one Gregg of the larceny of six hundred pounds of brass from the warehouse of Edmund Hall, of Bay City. The circuit judge, Hon. A. C. Maxwell, writes the Board of Pardons that he did not believe the testimony of the principal witness and that he hesitated to sentence the prisoners, but gave Tebo three years pending an order on a motion for a new trial by Gregg. Gregg was given a new trial and acquitted, and as the time had elapsed for Tebo to secure a new trial, and in view of the representations made to me, I deemed that his further imprisonment was contrary to justice.

JOSEPH B. GORDON.

Joseph B. Gordon was convicted in the circuit court of Wayne county, of the crime of murder and sentenced September 22, 1894, to Jackson prison for life. Upon the recommendation of the Board of Pardons, I granted his pardon September 29, 1898.

The investigation of the Board of Pardons showed that Gordon, a colored man, is nearly seventy years of age and has always borne an excellent reputation. He was formerly a slave. He married a second time a woman many years his junior. He came to Detroit, where there was born to him a daughter. One Wesley Robinson, a colored man, came to Gordon's home and rented a room. Gordon soon realized that Robinson was interfering with his domestic relations and he ordered him to leave the house. This Robinson refused to do and the wife apparently agreed with the boarder. Gordon repeatedly renewed his order to Robinson to leave the house, and on the night of the trouble came home and again ordered Robinson to leave. A quarrel ensued and Robinson made threats to do Gordon bodily injury. Gordon drew a revolver and shot without effect. He shot a second time and at that moment his daughter, Flora Gordon, who had been in bed, was awakened by the shooting and ran out of the bedroom door in time to receive the bullet. She died from the effects of the wound. I agree with the sentiment of the Board of Pardons that Gordon took the life of his young child while trying to defend his home, and while the killing was lamentable there are many extenuating circumstances, and I believe that his release would in no way thwart public justice.

WILLIAM SEATON.

William Seaton was convicted in the circuit court of Genesee county of the crime of statutory rape and sentenced to Jackson prison January 20, 1896, for a term of ten years. On the recommendation of the Board of Pardons I pardoned this man September 29, 1898.

The investigation of the Board of Pardons showed a state of facts which warrants me in thinking that he could not be guilty of the crime charged against him. The testimony of the prosecuting witness was that while she slept in the upper part of her father's house with another girl, in a room but a few feet removed from the one occupied by her father and mother, Seaton had entered the house, climbed into bed with her and ravished her. The testimony produced shows that Seaton, one hour previous to the time the supposed offense was committed, was at the home of one of his friends more than four miles distant; that it was winter and the snow lay deep upon the ground, and there was a violent

snow storm raging. According to the girl's testimony he would have had to traverse that distance; enter the house by force; make his way through the lower floors and up the stairs in the dark and into the room, and have committed the assault in the space of one hour. The girl claims she recognized Seaton by his voice. The investigation showed that there had been some sort of a pre-arranged plan between the father and daughter by which an attempt was made to extort money from Seaton's father, who was a man in comfortable circumstances. His previous reputation had been excellent and I deemed that the administration of justice demanded his pardon.

JENNIE AMORSTOWSKI.

Jennie Amorstowski was convicted in the superior court of Grand Rapids of the crime of larceny from a store in the day time. She was sentenced January 14, 1898, to Detroit House of Correction for a term of eighteen months. Upon recommendation of the Board of Pardons I granted her pardon September 28, 1898.

This girl was an ignorant country girl who came to Grand Rapids to engage in employment as a household domestic. She fell into evil company and following the example of one of her associates stole some articles of small value from one of the stores. She was evidently thoroughly repentant, and as her parents promised to take her home and care for her I deemed that this opportunity for her thorough reformation should not be ignored, and that her term of imprisonment had accomplished all that the law intended.

COMMUTATIONS.

ASA W. GRAVES.

Asa W. Graves was convicted of manslaughter and sentenced from the circuit court of Iron county in June, 1893, for fifteen years to Marquette prison. Upon the recommendation of the Board of Pardons, his sentence was commuted to eight years in order that he may be paroled, the above action being taken on the 15th day of July, 1897.

The report of the Board of Pardons shows that Graves was a cripple, having lost his right arm, and his principal fault being the excessive use of liquor. He had painted a saloon sign for one Shobalski, but when he presented his bill, Shobalski became very angry and struck him in the face, jerked him to the door and kicked him down the steps, breaking Graves' nose and fracturing three or four of his ribs. At this time Shobalski, being badly in liquor, threatened that if he ever made a break for Graves again he would kill him. When he became sober he made friendly overtures to Graves, and the men, at the time of the homicide, were supposed to be on friendly terms. In May, 1893, Graves entered Shobalski's saloon and began drinking with some friends. A dispute arose as to the payment of some drinks and Shobalski and Graves became involved in a quarrel. Graves started to leave and Shobalski advanced upon him in a threatening manner and Graves drew a revolver, apparent-

ly with the purpose of defending himself, Shobalski being a large man and Graves much smaller. The men grappled, fell on the floor, and Shobalski was shot and killed.

WILLIAM O. LOWDEN.

William O. Lowden was convicted in Barry county of forgery and sentenced December 2, 1895, to Jackson prison for six years. His good time will expire September 25, 1900. On the recommendation of the Board of Pardons his sentence was commuted to four years, and on December 15, 1897, he was paroled and is now at large, under the restrictions of the parole law.

An investigation of Lowden's case by the Board of Pardons shows that he had formerly been a man of excellent reputation, having been elected to the office of prosecuting attorney in his county, and apparently had the respect and confidence of all of the good citizens of his locality. He became involved in debt and committed this forgery of which he was convicted, for the purpose of putting off the final pay day.

His pardon was solicited by numerous good citizens of his home and county and it was deemed best to place him under the restrictions of the parole law, and for that reason an absolute release was not granted.

JAMES COSGROVE.

James Cosgrove was sentenced from Baraga county January, 1894, for ten years at Marquette prison, having been convicted of the crime of manslaughter. Upon the recommendation of the Board of Pardons his sentence was, on the 15th of September, 1897, commuted to seven years. Investigation of the Board of Pardons shows that the line between justifiable homicide and manslaughter was, in this case, not clearly defined and that there were many extenuating circumstances concerning the offense this young man is supposed to have committed. He had previously borne an excellent reputation and the homicide was the result of a quarrel.

His sentence was commuted in order to bring him under the provisions of the parole law.

EDWARD H. COZIER.

Edward H. Cozier was sentenced to Jackson prison from Branch county December 12, 1895, for five years, having been convicted of assault. His good time would expire December 24, 1899. Having made an excellent prison record, and upon a petition signed by many citizens of good standing in Branch county, his sentence was commuted to four years, October 13, 1897, in order that he might be released under the provisions of the parole law.

JOHN GRANBERG.

John Granberg was convicted in the circuit court for the county of Menominee, of the crime of manslaughter, and sentenced September 2, 1891, to Marquette prison, for the term of fourteen years.

Upon the recommendation of the Board of Pardons, his sentence was commuted to eleven years in order to give him the benefit of the provisions of the parole law, the above action being taken on March 25, 1898.

The investigation of the Board of Pardons shows that on the night of July 4, 1891, Granberg was on his way home, but stopped with some friends at a saloon in Menominee to indulge in beer. While there two men named Hall and Eckstrom became involved in a quarrel over a musical instrument, and stepped outside to finish their wrangle. In a few minutes Eckstrom called out that Hall was cutting him. Granberg and one Heddin went out to stop the row, and found both men on the ground fighting. Granberg endeavored to separate them, and told Hall to go home or he would thrash him. Hall started for home, but came back again, calling Granberg obscene names and acting in a boisterous and threatening manner. His manner became so apparently serious, and his intention of doing Granberg harm so imminent, that one of Granberg's friends placed a small bar of iron in his hand, and as Hall came at Granberg, the latter struck Hall with the iron. The men then separated and went home. It appears that Hall was seriously hurt about the head and died the next morning. Granberg was arrested, and upon the advice of his attorney, pleaded guilty of manslaughter. His sentence was within one year of the limit of the law. Granberg's reputation was always that of a peaceable citizen, and during the term of his incarceration he has been an exemplary prisoner. He had a wife and one child, but after his imprisonment his wife was accidentally shot and killed while working as cook in a lumber camp, and the child was without a home.

Upon the recommendation of the Board of Pardons it was deemed advisable to shorten this man's sentence and to parole him. His sentence was commuted as above stated, and he was paroled July 8, 1898. Since that time he has conformed to the rules and regulations governing paroled convicts, and has one more year to serve before his parole shall expire.

WILLIAM B. TEGELER.

William B. Tegeler was convicted in the recorder's court for the city of Detroit, of highway robbery, and sentenced November 11, 1893, to the prison at Ionia for the term of ten years. On July 15, 1898, his sentence was commuted to seven years, and he was paroled.

The above action was taken on the recommendation of the Board of Pardons. Tegeler is a young man about twenty-five years of age, and has had a varied career. While still a young boy his parents died, and Hon. Ellwood T. Hance, of Detroit, was appointed his guardian. Tegeler seemed to be of a roving disposition, and being without home influences he joined what is known as Dr. Carver's Wild West show, and traveled with that organization all over the United States and through many foreign countries. In the summer of 1893 he returned to Detroit and fell in with evil companions. Among his acquaintances was a woman of ill-repute named Thompson. The party contrived to have one Mitchell go driving on the Boulevard with the Thompson woman, and in accordance with a prearranged plan, Tegeler with several others held up the rig and relieved Mitchell of his watch and a small amount of money. Tegeler has been a very excellent prisoner and has evidently reformed. When he came to the prison he was a victim of the morphine

habit, but under the excellent care of the physicians at Ionia he was cured and soon became a valuable assistant in their tailor shop. Mr. Hance, his guardian, has interested himself in the boy's behalf and promised if he was paroled to give him the necessary attention and guidance to insure his absolute reformation. I therefore deemed it advisable to act on the recommendation of the Board of Pardons.

SAMUEL CARR.

Samuel Carr was convicted in the circuit court for the county of Isabella, of the crime of manslaughter, and sentenced September 14, 1896, to Ionia for the term of seven years. Carr was formerly a resident of Lapeer county, where he and his brothers were farmers and bore excellent reputations as industrious men and good citizens. On returning to Isabella county Carr engaged in the livery business with one Parrish. He had cause to believe that his partner, Parrish, was guilty of misconduct with his wife. On one occasion Carr announced that he should be absent from home, but returned at night to find Parrish in the house in company with Mrs. Carr. He went to the back of the house, and as Parrish attempted to escape the two men grappled and fought. During the scuffle Parrish was shot. Carr immediately ran for a physician; assisted Parrish to his home, and gave the wounded man every attention until his death, which occurred the same night.

Upon the recommendation of the Board of Pardons it was deemed advisable to commute Carr's sentence to four years and give him the benefit of the provisions of the parole law. An excellent situation had been found for him on the farm of ex-Governor Rich in Lapeer county, and in view of the fact that during three-fourths of the time he was imprisoned he had acted as a trusty outside the walls, and had been not only an excellent prisoner, but a valuable employee of the institution at Ionia, I believed him to be a proper subject for clemency, and accordingly took the action above indicated.

THE PAROLE SYSTEM.

I desire to call your attention to the workings of the parole system, under the Parole Law enacted by the legislature of 1895; which provided that the Governor shall have authority, under such rules and regulations as he may prescribe, to parole any convict, except life convicts, who may have served the minimum term provided by law for the crime for which he was convicted; provided, further, that said convict shall not have previously served two terms of imprisonment in any penal institution for felony.

I deem the parole law a most wise legislation. My experience with the pardoning power and the parole law has convinced me that, where clemency should be exercised, a parole is superior to a pardon, excepting in cases where the innocence of a convict is clearly established, or where it has been plainly demonstrated that the sentence is excessive. If a convict has, by good conduct, earned the esteem and good-will of the prison authorities, or where it is believed that his reformation has been thorough and complete, the opportunity afforded by a parole secures

for the convict a place of employment and starts him anew in his endeavor for good citizenship. Oftentimes, where there is no question as to guilt and where the sentence is commensurate with the crime committed, but where the convict evinces a sincere and evident desire for reformation, a parole will encourage him in that desire and society is not harmed by his release.

Under our system, when an application for parole is made, it must be accompanied by a "Proposal to Act as First Friend." This proposal is usually prepared by some friend or acquaintance of the convict, who has confidence in him and states that he will take a friendly interest in the paroled man, counsel and direct him in that which is good, see that he has employment and report to the warden any violations of rules and any unnecessary absence from work and any tendency to low or evil associations. This proposal of the first friend is usually endorsed by some prominent person in the community where the first friend lives. As soon as the convict is paroled, he is required to report immediately to his first friend and go to work, and each month he is required to forward to the warden of the prison a statement showing in detail what he has earned and what he has spent. The convict can be returned to prison for any reason deemed sufficient by the paroling power. It has been our experience that the best results are obtained by strict rules, rigidly enforced, and that whenever violated the convict shall be immediately returned to prison.

A great majority of the states have parole laws, and Michigan will compare most favorably with any, in relation to the conduct of paroled prisoners and the number of violations of parole. New York alone paroles about sixty convicts per month, and has been doing this since 1876. Their violations of paroles run from 16 to 20 per cent, and yet the system is held in much favor by the state authorities. Michigan's record is much better than this. I have heard some adverse comment relative to parole of convicts and the exercise of executive clemency in their behalf, but it has been from persons wholly unacquainted with the excellent results attained by the parole system. I submit a few statements that may interest you.

In August, 1895, the first convict was paroled, and from that date, up to and including December 31, 1898, there have been received and passed upon applications from 210 convicts. Of this number 190 were paroled and 20 denied. There have been 15 violations of parole, and today 50 convicts are still at large on parole. The number of violations of parole is less than eight per cent. It may be of interest to you to know of what these violations consisted.

No. 1 proved to be a recidivous; was a chronic thief and was returned to prison. Since his release from prison he has again been convicted of crime, and is now serving a term in Jackson.

No. 10, owing to family troubles, began drinking and ran away. He was recaptured and returned to prison.

No. 11, whose first crime was committed during a drunken spree, was, after parole, unable to refrain from drinking and was returned to prison. Much of his trouble, however, was due to the negligence of his first friend, who failed to keep him properly employed and to properly look after him.

No. 23 was returned to prison because he had been found drinking.

No. 29 faithfully observed the conditions of his parole and received his discharge. Shortly after, however, he became drunk, committed another crime and was convicted and sentenced to prison.

No. 30 was paroled on account of consumption. When he returned to his home he was ill-treated and abused by his family and being unable to work, he stole. He was re-arrested and returned to prison, where he since died. I deem this man more sinned against than sinning.

No. 43 was returned to prison for drunkenness.

No. 69 got drunk and stole a horse. He was returned to prison.

No. 114 failed to make regular reports and ran away from his place of employment. He was recaptured and returned.

No. 117 was returned for drunkenness.

No. 123 violated his parole by running away to Toledo, Ohio, where he committed a crime and was sentenced to three years in the Columbus prison. Upon his release from that institution he will be returned to prison.

No. 126 became drunk and violated his parole and was returned to prison.

No. 131 violated his parole by leaving the State. It has been ascertained that he enlisted in one of the regiments of United States regulars and was at Santiago. No action has been taken in the case, as it is thought that he was innocent of the crime for which he was convicted and that his violation was induced by his desire to serve his country.

No. 137 violated his parole by drinking and was returned to prison.

No. 173 ran away from his place of employment, but was recaptured and returned to prison.

It will be seen that many of these violations have been the result of drink. Some of them had never been seen intoxicated, but were found in saloons and frequenting places where liquor was sold, which was a violation of the rules. Some of the violations have been brought about more by the fault of the first friend than by the convict himself. Some of these cases of drunkenness would not have occurred had the convict had the benefit of better associations.

I have endeavored to inform you of the failures made by some of the paroled convicts. I desire to call your attention to some of the records from the monthly reports of paroled convicts, who have succeeded in living correct lives. One convict who was paroled had been sentenced to a term of four years for the larceny of property valued at less than one hundred dollars, and as to whose guilt there were certainly serious doubts. He has made a record for himself that is flattering in the extreme. At the time of his conviction he was a traveling man, with a good income, and it seemed almost incredible to think that he was guilty of the crime charged against him. Since his release on parole, he has forwarded weekly letters to my office, and his reports show that his income will average more than \$3,000 per year. He has placed his family in comfortable circumstances and has a son at the university. The extreme change wrought in this family, from a condition of wretchedness and unhappiness to prosperity and betterment of their domestic and social life, is one of the most potent arguments in favor of the parole system. I could recite to you many cases in which almost as good a showing has been made.

It seems to me that this is a subject which should have the attention of every thoughtful mind. The reformation of our criminal classes can be brought about only by the co-operation of the people at large. Some mistakes will be made in individual cases, but if the great majority can be reclaimed to lives of usefulness, the efforts used for their reformation shall not have been in vain.

Very respectfully,

H. S. PINGREE,
Governor.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Lusk offered the following:

Resolved, That the Board of Auditors be and are hereby respectfully requested to furnish this House with an American flag of proper size, and that the Chief Janitor cause the same to be suspended from the balcony above the Speaker's station.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Scully offered the following:

Resolved, That the special committee appointed to investigate the contest of Gardiner vs. Schmidt have full authority to recount the vote for Representative to the State Legislature in all the voting precincts in the First District of Saginaw County.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Lusk offered the following:

Whereas, Since the convening of the Legislature of Michigan less than one year ago, the war with Spain has been terminated, and the final act, is soon to be registered in the adoption of the peace negotiations by the United States Senate; and

Whereas, The glorious achievements on land and sea by the American soldier and marine command the highest appreciation and gratitude of our patriotic people; and

Whereas, Michigan is especially proud of her worthy sons who so conspicuously performed their duties in the contest, to the honor and glory of the State; therefore

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That a committee of three on the part of the House be appointed to act with a like committee on the part of the Senate, to arrange for a peace jubilee program and exercises to be held in this hall at some date in the near future.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Gillette offered the following:

Resolved, That the Clerk of the House be and is hereby authorized to draw an order in favor of Mr. W. Lee Salter for the sum of \$24, for services as Janitor from Wednesday, Jan. 4, to and including this date.

Which was adopted.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Being the consideration of the following:

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring),

That the Attorney General is hereby authorized and empowered to appoint a messenger for his office, to serve during the session of the Legislature.

The question being on concurring in the adoption of the resolution,
The resolution was adopted.

The Speaker announced the following:

In accordance with resolution this day adopted by the House authorizing me so to do, I have made the following appointments:

Keeper of the Document Room, Roscoe H. Dow, of Bay.

Assistant Document Room Keeper, James F. Shepherd, of Cheboygan.

Keeper of the Cloak Room, George Houston, Detroit.

Assistant Keeper of the Cloak Room, Edward W. Parker, Grand Rapids.

Chief Janitor, John Cole, Newaygo county.

Speaker's Clerk, Harry A. Silsbee, Lansing.

Speaker's Messenger, Frank B. Gilbert, Detroit.

Press Messenger, Louis Herschberg, Detroit.

E. J. ADAMS,
Speaker.

January 4, 1899.

The Speaker also announced the following:

In accordance with resolution passed by the House, authorizing me so to do, I hereby assign the following seats to representatives of the press, viz.:

Seat 139, Detroit Tribune.

Seat 140, Associated Press.

Seat 141, Detroit Journal.

Seat 142, Detroit Evening News.

Seat 143, Detroit Free Press.

Seat 145, Grand Rapids Democrat.

Seat 146, Grand Rapids Herald.

E. J. ADAMS,
Speaker.

The Speaker also announced the following:

Lansing, January 11, 1899.

Pursuant to resolution of the House, I have appointed Archie Oaks, of Ottawa county, as Messenger for the proof room.

LEWIS M. MILLER,
Clerk.

The Speaker also announced the following:

As the result of a number of changes of seats the following have been mutually agreed upon by the members interested:

Mr. Goodyear has seat 86, Mr. Watters seat 80, Mr. Wells seat 9, Mr. G. W. Reed seat 95, and Mr. Adams seat 21.

The Speaker also announced the following assignments of committees:
Agricultural College: Buskirk, Van Camp, Oberdorffer, Wells, Niedermeier.

Agriculture: Miller, Nash, Goodell, Gillette, Read, J. H.

Apportionment: Weter, Stewart, Colvin, Dickinson, Soper, Chandler,

Handy, Baumgärtner, Waterbury, Goodell, Hatzenbuhler, Sutherland, Eikhoff.

Asylum for Dangerous and Criminal Insane: Eikhoff, Babcock, Locher, Murphy, Nevins.

City Corporations: Herrig, Anderson, Gordon, Aldrich, Gray.

College of Mines: Hofmeister, Wood, Davis, Hammond, Whitney.

Drainage: Mason, Taziman, Murphy, Kingott, Stumpenhusen.

Eastern Asylum for Insane: Wing, Duff, Goodrich, Dickinson, Waterbury.

Education: Shisler, Whitney, Scully, Hall, Waterbury.

Elections: Handy, Keep, Colby, Bryan, Watters.

Federal Relations: McKay, Nevins, Murdoch, Schmidt, Colvin.

Fisheries and Game: Anderson, Lusk, Fleischhauer, McKay, Reed, J. W., Weier, Buskirk, Kelly, Gustin.

General Taxation: Dudley, Collins, Kelly, Van Camp, Babcock, Read, J. H., Hammond, McLean, Gustin.

Geological Survey: Wells, Herrig, McLeod, Doyle, Murdoch.

Home for Feeble Minded and Epileptic: Woodruff, Burfoot, Heck, Dingley, Stumpenhusen.

Horticulture: Brownell, Pearson, Randall, Nash, Robinson.

Industrial Home for Girls: Cheever, Lafiamboy, Heineman, Howell, Lugers.

Industrial School for Boys: Howell, Gillam, Kerr, Wheeler, Carton.

Insurance: Kelly, Fleischhauer, Anderson, Oberdorffer, McCall.

Judiciary: Shepherd, Cheever, Scully, Foster, Davis, McCallum, Kerr, Hart, Handy.

Labor: Burfoot, Eikhoff, Crosby, Watters, Heck.

Liquor Traffic: Burdick, Burch, Caldwell, Miller, Weter, Gordon, Baumgärtner, Nevins, Colvin.

Local Taxation: Alward, Pearson, Babcock, Gray, Randall.

Lumber and Salt: Moore, Watters, Sutherland, Babcock, Colby.

Michigan Asylum for Insane: Read, J. H., Miller, Baumgärtner, Aldrich, Wayne.

Military Affairs: Phillips, Collins, Duff, Pack, Aldrich.

Mines and Minerals: Kerr, Goodrich, Wood, Stumpenhusen, Heineman.

Normal Schools: McCallum, Dudley, Shisler, Scully, Mason.

Northern Asylum for Insane: Hart, Goodyear, Brownell, McLean, Pack.

Printing: Oberdorffer, Burch, Dingley, Duff, Wheeler.

Private Corporations: McCall, Kelly, Chamberlain, Carton, Gustin, Caldwell, Moore, Collins, Niedermeier.

Public Health: Goodrich, Phillips, Anderson, Foster, Rulison.

Public Lands: Keep, Buskirk, Reed, W. A., Woodruff, Wayne.

Railroads: Fleischhauer, Chamberlain, McCall, Rulison, Whitney, Reed, G. W., Gordon, Pearson, Hart.

Religious and Benevolent Societies: Lugers, Shepherd, Woodruff, Murphy, Locher.

Revision and Amendment of the Statutes: Carton, Shepherd, Phillips, Burfoot, Gillam, Heck, Weier, Heineman, Burch.

Roads and Bridges: Goodyear, Wing, Gillette, Robinson, Locher.

Rules and Joint Rules: Gillam, Davis, Hatzenbuhler, Lusk, Wing.

School for the Blind: Foster, Wing, Schmidt, Niedermeier, Stewart.

School for the Deaf: Bulison, Nash, Hatzenbuhler, Sutherland, Weter.
Soldiers' Home: Hammond, Herrig, Stewart, Schmidt, Wheeler.
State Affairs: Wood, Goodyear, Alward, Buskirk, Taziman, Hofmeister, Wells, Lugers, Howell.

State Capitol and Public Buildings: McLean, Hofmeister, Wheeler Dingley, McLeod.

State House of Correction and Branch of the State Prison in the Upper Peninsula: Randall, Alward, Burdick, Robinson, Taziman.

State House of Correction and Reformatory: Goodell, McLeod, Kingott, Reed, W. A., Soper.

State Library: Crosby, McCallum, Scully, Soper, Chandler.

State Prison: Caldwell, Wells, Chandler, Keep, Collins.

State Public School: Bryan, Keep, Foster, Colby, Murdoch.

Supplies and Expenditures: Dickinson, Shisler, McKay, Crosby, Pack.

Towns and Counties: Whitney, Hofmeister, Wayne, Kingott, Burdick.

University: Chamberlain, Moore, Carton, Cheever, Gray.

Upper Peninsula Asylum for Insane: Van Camp, Phillips, Doyle, Gillette, Hall.

Village Corporations: Reed, G. W., Bryan, Laflamboy, Reed, W. A., Doyle.

Ways and Means: Lusk, Dudley, Moore, Stewart, Laflamboy, Mason, Brownell, Weier, Hall.

On motion of Mr. Shisler,

Leave of absence was granted to Mr. Nash indefinitely.

On motion of Mr. Lugers,

Leave of absence was granted to himself until Monday next.

On motion of Mr. Dudley,

The House adjourned.

{ REPRESENTATIVE HALL, LANSING,

} Thursday, January 12, 1899.

The House met pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Hunt.

Roll called: quorum present.

Absent without leave: Messrs. Caldwell, Dingley, Gillam, Hall, Kelly, McCall, Murdoch, Pearson, Robinson and Shepherd.

On motion of Mr. Whitney,

Leave of absence was granted to all absentees for the day.

On motion of Mr. Fleischhauer,

Leave of absence was granted to Mr. Dingley indefinitely on account of sickness of his father.

On motion of Mr. Shisler,

Leave of absence was granted to Mr. Caldwell indefinitely on account of sickness.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

By the Committee to Determine Committee Clerks, Group the Various Committees, and Assign Committee Rooms:

Your committee would most respectfully report that they have had the matters referred to them under consideration, and make the following recommendations, to wit:

Room "A": To Committees on Military Affairs, Towns and Counties, Local Taxation, State Prison, Industrial School for Boys, Industrial School for Girls. A. H. Ryall, Clerk.

Room "B": To Janitors and assistants.

Room "C": To Committees on Education, School for the Blind, Public Health, Northern Asylum for the Insane, State Library, State House of Correction, Upper Peninsula Asylum for the Insane. E. H. Griffin, Clerk.

Room "D": To Sergeant-at-Arms and assistants.

Room "E": To Chief Clerk.

Room "M": To Committees on State Affairs, Printing, Roads and Bridges, School for the Deaf, Asylum for the Criminal Insane, Eastern Asylum for the Insane. C. W. Malloch, Clerk.

Room "G": To Chief Clerk's assistants.

Room "H": To Committees on General Taxation, Insurance, Normal Schools. A. O. Hoyt, Clerk.

Room "I": To Committees on Village Corporations, Drainage, Horticulture, State Public Schools, State Capitol and Public Buildings, Home for the Feeble Minded, College of Mines. C. K. Reed, Clerk.

Room "J": To Committees on Judiciary, Private Corporations. A. E. Manning, Clerk.

Room "K": To Committees on Elections, Labor, Federal Relations, Geological Survey, Lumber and Salt, Religious and Benevolent Societies, Upper Peninsula Prison. Peter Jackowski, Clerk.

Room "L": To Committees on Railroads, Revision of the Statutes, Special and Fancy Engrossing. Mrs. Etta Rice-Saunders, Clerk and Engrosser.

Room "F": To Committees on Liquor Traffic, Agriculture, Supplies and Expenditures, Public Lands, Mines and Minerals, Michigan Asylum for the Insane, Soldiers' Home. James Tennant, Clerk.

Room "N": To Committees on Ways and Means, Fisheries and Game, Joint Rules. Adam Kuna, Clerk.

Room "O": To Committee on City Corporations, Apportionment, University, Agricultural College. Oliver S. Kerr, Clerk.

H. K. GUSTIN,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Lusk,

The report was adopted.

NOTICES.

Mr. Oberdorffer gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill providing for an additional voting precinct in the township of Holmes, Menominee county.

Mr. Goodyear gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to repeal Act 120 of the Public Acts of 1895, as amended by Act 275 of Public Acts of 1897, entitled an Act to prevent the spearing of fish in the waters of Long lake in Genesee county.

Mr. Colby gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend section 1 and 5 of Act Number 120 of the Public Acts of 1893, approved May 25, 1893, entitled "An act to amend sections 1 and 5 of Act number 25 of the Public Acts of 1887, approved March 9, 1887," entitled "An act to provide for three additional circuit judges for the third judicial circuit," so as to provide one other additional circuit judge for the third judicial circuit.

Mr. Weier gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to provide for the assessment and levy of taxes upon the property of railroad companies, express companies, telegraph companies and the collection thereof and the designation of proper officers to make such assessments and levy, and defining the duties of such board and the compensation of its members, and to repeal all other acts or parts of acts, whether in the acts for the incorporation of union railroad station and depot grounds, or any other law of this State so far as such acts or parts of acts are inconsistent with this act and no further.

Mr. Weier gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to provide for the support of the armories of the Michigan State National Guards.

Mr. Gustin gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend section 103, Act No. 151 of Public Acts of 1897, entitled "An act to regulate the catching of fish in the waters of this State by the use of pound or trap nets, gill nets, seines and other apparatus."

Mr. Fleischhauer gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to provide for the assessment and levy of taxes upon the property of railroad companies, express companies, telegraph companies and telephone companies and the collection thereof, and the designation and election of a State Board of Assessors to make such assessments and levy, and defining the duties of such board, and the compensation of its members, and to repeal section 33 of Act number 42 of the Laws of 1846, as amended by Act number 179 of the Laws of 1893, and section 31 of Act number 113 of the Laws of 1846 and the amendments thereto, and all other acts or parts of acts whether contained in special acts under which any of the companies whose property is to be assessed under this act shall have been incorporated or under the general railroad law and the amendments thereto, or in the act for the incorporation of union railroad stations and depot grounds, or in any other law of this State, so far as such acts or parts of acts are inconsistent with this act and no further.

Mr. Babcock gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to provide for an income tax.

Mr. Burch gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill regulating telegraph rates in Michigan.

Mr. Burch gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to provide for the proper inspection of the erection of buildings in the city of Detroit.

Mr. Rulison gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to establish a voting precinct in Houghton county.

Mr. Scully gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend section 33, as amended, of an act entitled "An act to authorize the sale of the Central Railroad and to incorporate the Michigan Central Railroad Company," approved March 28, 1846.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

Mr. Alward, by unanimous consent, introduced

House bill No. 2, entitled

"A bill to legalize the assessment roll for the township of Polkton, Ottawa county, Michigan, for the year 1898."

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Alward,

The rules were suspended, two-thirds of all the members present voting therefor, and the bill was put upon its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Alward	Mr. Gordon	Mr. Pack
Anderson	Gray	Phillips
Babcock	Hammond	Randall
Baumgærtner	Handy	Read, J. H.
Brownell	Hart	Reed, G. W.
Bryan	Hatzenbuhler	Robinson
Burch	Heck	Rulison
Burdick	Herrig	Schmidt
Burfoot	Hofmeister	Scully
Buskirk	Howell	Shisler
Carton	Keep	Soper
Chandler	Kerr	Stewart
Cheever	Kingott	Stumpenhuisen
Colby	Lafamboy	Sutherland
Collins	Locher	Taziman
Colvin	Lusk	Van Camp
Crosby	McCallum	Waterbury
Davis	McKay	Watters
Dickinson	McLean	Wayne
Doyle	McLeod	Weier
Dudley	Mason	Wells

Mr. Duff
Eikhoff
Fleischhauer
Gillette
Goodell
Goodrich
Goodyear

Mr. Miller
Moore
Murdoch
Murphy
Nevins
Niedermeier
Oberdorffer

Mr. Weter
Whitney
Wing
Wood
Woodruff
Speaker

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NAYS.

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Alward,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

Mr. Cheever, previous notice having been given, introduced House bill No. 3, entitled

A bill to provide for the assessment and levy of taxes upon the property of railroad companies, express companies, telegraph companies and telephone companies, and the collection thereof, and the designation and election of a State Board of Assessors to make such assessment and levy, and defining the duties of such board, and the compensation of its members, and to repeal all other acts or parts of acts, whether in the acts for the incorporation of union railroad station and depot grounds, or any other law of this State, so far as such act or parts of acts are inconsistent with this act, and no further, and to apply the taxes assessed and collected under this bill to "pay the interest upon the primary school, university and other educational funds, and the interest and principal of the State debt, other than amounts due to educational funds, when such taxes to be collected under this act shall be added to and constitute a part of the primary school interest fund."

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee.

Mr. Cheever moved that the bill be referred to a special committee, to consist of Messrs. Cheever, Carton, Crosby, Gray, Stewart, Goodrich, Chandler, Alward, Scully, Keep and Handy.

On which motion,

Mr. Cheever demanded the yeas and nays.

The demand was seconded.

Pending the calling of the roll,

Mr. Kelly moved that the motion be amended so as to provide for the reference of the bill to a special committee to be appointed by the Speaker.

Mr. Dudley moved that the bill be referred to the joint committees on Railroads, Judiciary and General Taxation.

[Which motion took precedence.]

The motion was withdrawn.

Mr. Dudley moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Railroads.

[Which motion took precedence.]

Pending which,

On motion of Mr. Fleischhauer,

The House took a recess until 2 o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

2 o'clock p. m.

The House met and was called to order by the Speaker.

Roll called: quorum present.

The House resumed the consideration of

The pending question,

Which was a motion that House bill No. 3, entitled

A bill to provide for the assessment and levy of taxes upon the property of railroad companies, express companies, telegraph companies and telephone companies, and the collection thereof, and the designation and election of a State Board of Assessors, to make such assessment and levy, and defining the duties of such board, and the compensation of its members, and to repeal all other acts or parts of acts, whether in the acts for the incorporation of union railroad station and depot grounds, or any other law of this State, so far as such acts or parts of acts are inconsistent with this act, and no further, and to apply the taxes assessed and collected under this bill to pay the interest upon the primary school, university and other educational funds, and the interest and principal of the State debt, in the order herein recited, until the extinguishment of the State debt, other than amounts due to educational funds, when such taxes to be collected under this act shall be added to and constitute a part of the primary school interest fund.

Be referred to the Committee on Railroads.

On which motion

Mr. Stewart demanded the yeas and nays.

The demand was seconded, and the motion did not prevail by yeas and nays as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Alward
Anderson
Brownell
Burdick
Burfoot
Buskirk
Chamberlain
Collins
Davis
Dudley
Fleischhauer
Gillette
Gordon
Hall

Mr. Hofmeister
Kelly
Kerr
Kingott
Lafamboy
Locher
Lusk
McCallum
McKay
Mason
Moore
Phillips
Randall

Mr. Read, J. H.
Reed, G. W.
Robinson
Rulison
Shisler
Taziman
Van Camp
Watters
Woodruff
Wells
Weter
Whitney
Wood

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NAYS.

Mr. Aldrich
Baumgärtner
Bryan
Burch

Mr. Goodyear
Gray
Gustin
Hammond

Mr. Miller
Murdoch
Murphy
Nevins

Mr. Carton	Mr. Handy	Mr. Oberdorffer
Chandler	Hart	Pearson
Cheever	Hatzenbuhler	Reed, W. A.
Colby	Heck	Soper
Crosby	Heineman	Stewart
Dickinson	Herrig	Sutherland
Doyle	Howell	Waterbury
Duff	Keep	Wayne
Eikhoff	McLean	Wheeler
Goodell	McLeod	Wing
Goodrich		

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The question then recurred on the amendment to the original motion, that the bill be referred to a special committee to be appointed by the Speaker.

Which was accepted.

The yeas and nays having been demanded,

The motion prevailed by yeas and nays as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Aldrich	Mr. Goodrich	Mr. Murphy
Alward	Goodyear	Nevins
Anderson	Gordon	Oberdorffer
Babcock	Gustin	Pearson
Baumgaertner	Hall	Phillips
Brownell	Hammond	Read, J. H.
Bryan	Handy	Reed, G. W.
Burch	Hatzenbuhler	Reed, W. A.
Burdick	Heck	Robinson
Burfoot	Heineman	Shisler
Buskirk	Herrig	Soper
Carton	Hofmeister	Stewart
Chandler	Howell	Sutherland
Cheever	Keep	Taziman
Colby	Kelly	Van Camp
Collins	Kingott	Waterbury
Crosby	Lafamboy	Watters
Davis	Locher	Wayne
Dickinson	McKay	Wells
Doyle	McLean	Weter
Dudley	McLeod	Wheeler
Duff	Mason	Wing
Eikhoff	Miller	Wood
Gillette	Murdoch	Woodruff
Goodell		

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NAYS.

Mr. Chamberlain	Mr. Lusk	Mr. Randall
Fleischhauer	McCallum	Rulison
Kerr	Moore	Whitney

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The Speaker announced, as the special committee for the consideration of House bill number 4, as just directed by the House, Messrs. Cheever, Fleischhauer, Chamberlain, Dudley, Scully, McCallum, Rulison, Whitney, Collins, Lusk and Davis.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Gustin offered the following:

Resolved, That the Speaker be, and hereby is authorized to appoint a keeper of Committee Rooms, whose duty it shall be to take care of, and keep all committee rooms of the House of Representatives clean and in neat appearance, and said keeper shall be constantly in readiness to render service to the various committees,

Which was adopted.

Mr. Kelly offered the following:

Resolved, That the use of the House be granted for Friday evening, commencing at 8 o'clock, to Prof. Otto Hatry for the purpose of giving a free lecture on the "Human Science of Phrenology."

Which was adopted.

Mr. Hart offered the following:

Resolved, That the Clerk of the House be, and is hereby authorized to draw an order in favor of Mr. T. J. Howe for the sum of \$27.00 for services as Janitor from Wednesday, January 4, to and including this date, as authorized by the Sergeant-at-Arms.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Hammond offered the following:

Resolved, That there be paid to the young men who act as pages of this House up to the time of appointing the permanent pages, and who were not appointed permanent pages, the sum of eight dollars each.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Robinson offered the following:

Resolved, That the Clerk of the House be and is hereby authorized to draw an order in favor of W. Lee Salter for the sum of three dollars for services as Janitor for this date, he having been appointed by the Sergeant-at-Arms.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Dickinson offered the following:

Resolved by the House (the Senate concurring), That the contractor to be employed by the Committee on Supplies and Expenses be instructed to forward one copy of the Daily Journal to each daily and weekly newspaper published within the State, and to each State officer or member of State Commission, Supreme, Circuit and Probate Judge, County Clerk, County Treasurer, Register of Deeds, Prosecuting Attorney, Circuit Court Commissioner, and to each public library, board of trade, superior and recorder's court in the State, and to each County School Commissioner and Superintendent of each union school in the State, and that the amount of postage on such copies of said Journal be paid by the State Treasurer on the warrant of the Auditor General, on the presentation of bills duly certified by the postmaster at Lansing and by the contractor, showing that such stamps have been purchased and used only for the payment of postage on said copies of said Journal hereby ordered to be distributed.

Laid over one day under the rules.

Mr. Anderson offered the following:

Resolved, That the Sergeant-at-Arms be instructed to procure stools for the messenger boys of the House.

Which was adopted.

NOTICES.

Mr. Pearson gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to provide for the taxation of certain transfers of property by gift, grant, inheritance, devise and bequest.

Mr. Hammond gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend Act No. 150 of the Public Acts of 1893, entitled An act to provide for the establishment and maintenance of a pardoning board, and prescribing its powers and duties and to add three new sections to said act.

Mr. Hammond gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill making an appropriation for the current expenses of the Michigan soldiers, sailors and marines, who served in the Mexican and late Civil War, for the years 1899-1900.

Mr. Hammond gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend the title and sections 1, 4, and 8, and to repeal sections 2, 6, and 7 of Act No. 212 of the Session Laws of 1893.

Mr. Hammond gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to make an appropriation to build and furnish a kitchen and dining room for the woman's building located upon the grounds of the Michigan Soldiers' Home.

Mr. Hammond gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to make an appropriation to furnish new boilers to replace those now in use at the Michigan Soldiers' Home.

Mr. Anderson gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend sections 1 and 2 of Act No. 186 of the Public Acts of 1867, entitled "An Act to authorize dissection in certain cases, for the advancement of science," approved March 27, 1867, as amended by the several acts amendatory thereof.

Mr. McLean gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to provide the professional title and degrees of doctors of veterinary medicine and surgery and its various branches, and to restrict the use of such title and its abbreviation to regular graduates of recognized colleges or schools of veterinary, medicine and surgery, and those having passed a satisfactory examination before the State Veterinary Board; to create a State Veterinary Board and provide for registration of doctors of veterinary, medicine and surgery.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

Mr. Dudley, unanimous consent being given, introduced
House bill No. 4, entitled

A bill to legalize certain bonds of the township of Brooks, in Newaygo county.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and referred to the Committee on Local Taxation.

Mr. Dickinson, unanimous consent being given, introduced
House bill No. 5, entitled

A bill relative to granting street railway franchises in streets, alleys and public places in the city of Detroit.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Dickinson,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Dickinson, unanimous consent being given, introduced
House bill No. 6, entitled

A bill to amend section 5 of an act entitled "An act to amend the laws relative to supplying the city of Detroit with pure and wholesome water," approved February 14, 1853, and to repeal all acts or parts of acts in conflict therewith.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Dickinson,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Heineman, unanimous consent being given, introduced
House bill No. 7, entitled

A bill to promote the establishment and efficiency of free public libraries.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and referred to the Committee on State Library and Education jointly.

The Speaker also announced the following appointments, in accordance with the resolution authorizing the same:

Gallery Janitor, J. W. Kincaid, Lansing.

Gallery Janitress, Mrs. A. Alexander, Kent.

Assistant Janitors:

Harlan Cole, Osceola.

Fred Hayward, Grand Rapids.

L. L. Taylor, Isabella.

Roy Welch, Shiawassee County.

Homer Rutledge, St. Clair county.

Hugh McKinley, Tuscola county.

Charles A. Lee, Macomb county.

Charles Burson, Kalamazoo county.

Press Clerk, Grant Bennett, Detroit.

Document Room Messenger, Hubert R. Beckwith, Livingston county.

Committee Room Messenger, Clayton Busby, Barry county.

Sergeant-at-Arms Messenger, Er Shisler, Kent county.

Eleven messengers for floor of House as follows:

Arthur Conlan, Jackson.
Charles Dudley, Fremont.
John Gilbert, Calhoun.
Percy Gibson, Montcalm.
Fred Buskirk, Allegan.
Harry O. Cartwright, Tuscola.
Henry L. Wood, Jr., Gratiot.
Rudolph E. Schremser, Wayne.
James Whitney, Muskegon.
Roy S. Ormsby, Oakland.
Roy Van Camp, Berrien.

E. J. ADAMS,
Speaker.

The Speaker also announced the following:

I hereby appoint as the committee provided for under the resolution relative to peace jubilee exercises, Messrs. Lusk, McCallum and Pack.

The Speaker also announced the following:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Lansing, January 12, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—In accordance with the rule, I have this day appointed John H. Banninga, of Muskegon, as Financial Clerk.

LEWIS M. MILLER,
Clerk.

The Speaker also announced the following:

In accordance with the resolution of the House this day adopted, I have appointed William Barrett, of Bay, to be Keeper of Committee Rooms.

E. J. ADAMS,
Speaker.

On motion of Mr. Weier.

Leave of absence was granted to Mr. Schmidt indefinitely.

On motion of Mr. Anderson,

The House adjourned.

{ REPRESENTATIVE HALL, LANSING.
{ Friday, January 13, 1899.

The House met pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Hunt.

Roll called: quorum present.

Absent without leave: Messrs. Davis, Doyle, Gillam, Heck, G. W. Reed, and Shepherd.

On motion of Mr. Lusk,

Leave of absence was granted to all absentees for the day.

On motion of Mr. Lusk,

Leave of absence was granted to Mr. G. W. Reed indefinitely on account of sickness.

On motion of Mr. Lusk,

Leave of absence was granted to Mr. Doyle indefinitely on account of sickness.

On motion of Mr. Lusk,

Leave of absence was granted to Mr. Shepherd indefinitely on account of sickness.

On motion of Mr. Hatzenbuehler,

Leave of absence was granted to Mr. Heck indefinitely on account of sickness.

By unanimous consent:

Mr. Fleischhauer offered the following:

Resolved, That when the House adjourns today it stands adjourned until Monday, January 16, at 8 o'clock p. m.

Which was adopted.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS.

No. 4. By Mr. Colvin: Petition of coal miners in Saginaw county for legislation for the protection of the lives of those who work in coal mines.

Referred to the committee on Mines and Minerals.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

By the special committee on House bill No. 3:

The special committee on House bill No. 3 to whom was referred

House bill No. 3, entitled

A bill to provide for the assignment and levy of taxes upon the property of railroad companies, express companies, telegraph companies and telephone companies, and the collection thereof, and the designation and election of a State Board of Assessors to make such assessment and levy, and defining the duties of such board, and the compensation of its members, and to repeal all other acts or parts of acts, whether in the acts for the incorporation of union railroad station and depot grounds, or any other law of this State, so far as such acts or parts of acts are inconsistent with this act, and no further, and to apply the taxes assessed and collected under this bill to "pay the interest upon the primary school, university and other educational funds, and the interest and principal

of the State debt, in the order herein recited, until the extinguishment of the State debt, other than amounts due to educational funds, when such taxes to be collected under this act shall be added to and constitute a part of the primary school interest fund."

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration and have directed me to request of the House that 2,000 copies of the bill be printed for the use of the committee.

HENRY M. CHEEVER,
Chairman.

Report accepted.

The question being on ordering 2,000 copies of the bill printed for the use of the committee,

The House so ordered.

The special committee on Mileage of Members and Employees of the House have had the same under consideration and have directed me to make the following report of mileage due the members and employees of the House:

	Miles.
Bartlett A. Nevins, Allegan county.....	220
Henry F. Buskirk, Allegan county.....	176
Henry K. Gustin, Alpena county.....	472
Noah W. Burdick, Antrim county.....	436
Myron Wing, Barry county.....	126
Jos. McLean, Bay county.....	160
Geo. L. Lusk, Bay county.....	160
Wm. Sutherland, Bay county.....	164
Saunders L. Van Camp, Berrien county.....	364
Christopher G. Babcock, Branch county.....	192
Edward P. Keep, Calhoun county.....	116
Will A. Crosby, Calhoun county.....	94
James L. Robinson, Cass county.....	200
Frank Shepherd, Cheboygan county.....	500
Wm. Chandler, Chippewa county.....	716
Michael S. Doyle, Clinton county.....	86
Geo. P. McCallum, Delta county.....	700
Sherman F. Handy, Dickinson county.....	1,218
J. Mason Soper, Eaton county.....	14
Lyman H. McCall, Eaton county.....	40
Samuel C. Goodyear, Genesee county.....	86
John J. Carton, Genesee county.....	100
Fremont C. Chamberlain, Gogebic county.....	1,418
Wm. H. Foster, Grand Traverse county.....	426
Henry L. Wood, Gratiot county.....	118
Lester A. Goodrich, Hillsdale county.....	134
Angus W. Kerr, Houghton county.....	1,066
Geo. W. Rulison, Houghton county.....	1,048
John J. Murdoch, Huron county.....	260
Geo. R. Heck, Ingham county.....	2
Adney A. Hall, Ingham county.....	114
James Scully, Ionia county.....	80
Joseph A. Locher, Ionia county.....	96

	Miles.
Geo. E. Gillam, Iosco county.....	400
Edwin W. Woodruff, Isabella county.....	240
Samuel B. Collins, Jackson county.....	78
Wm. A. Reed, Jackson county.....	78
Edward N. Dingley, Kalamazoo county.....	140
James M. Davis, Kalamazoo county.....	146
Edgar J. Adams, Kent county.....	136
Jeremiah H. Anderson, Kent county.....	136
Edmond Burfoot, Kent county.....	136
John N. Shisler, Kent county.....	166
Edward P. Nash, Kent county.....	166
Edmund Brownell, Lapeer county.....	164
Geo. Howell, Lenawee county.....	144
Burton L. Hart, Lenawee county.....	250
James B. Taziman, Livingston county.....	84
James E. Weter, Macomb county.....	260
Frank C. Wells, Macomb county.....	214
J. Herbert Read, Manistee county.....	410
John B. Gordon, Marquette county.....	874
Matthew H. Watters, Marquette county.....	904
Humphrey S. Gray, Mason county.....	370
George W. Reed, Mecosta county.....	230
Wm. J. Oberdorffer, Menominee county.....	1,076
Duncan A. Wayne, Midland county.....	204
August J. Weier, Monroe county.....	250
August Niedermeyer, Monroe county.....	230
Chas. H. Laflamboy, Montcalm county.....	136
Chester A. Miller, Montcalm county.....	118
William D. Kelly, Muskegon county.....	258
Charles E. Whitney, Muskegon county.....	264
Harlan J. Dudley, Newaygo county.....	260
D. Judson Hammond, Oakland county.....	170
J. Roy Waterbury, Oakland county.....	172
Edmond S. Randall, Oceana county.....	334
Alfred M. Fleischhauer, Osceola county.....	300
Luke Lagers, Ottawa county.....	186
Robert Alward, Ottawa county.....	160
Peter Herrig, Saginaw county.....	134
Henry W. Schmidt, Saginaw county.....	134
Leonard Baumgaertner, Saginaw county.....	140
Benjamin Colvin, Saginaw county.....	114
Christopher Murphy, Sanilac county.....	324
Richard Pearson, Sanilac county.....	348
George T. Mason, Shiawassee county.....	58
Wm. J. Duff, St. Clair county.....	234
Franklin Moore, St. Clair county.....	234
John Kingott, St. Clair county.....	182
Wm. F. Pack, St. Joseph county.....	208
Chas. A. Hofmeister, Tuscola county.....	200
Wm. McKay, Tuscola county.....	200
Charles C. Phillips, Van Buren county.....	256

	Miles.
George S. Wheeler, Washtenaw county.....	118
Henry Stumpenhusen, Washtenaw county.....	176
Henry M. Cheever, Wayne county.....	180
Frank Aldrich, Wayne county.....	180
Albert E. Stewart, Wayne county.....	188
Lou J. Buich, Wayne county.....	180
Malcomb J. McLeod, Wayne county.....	180
Joseph H. Dickinson, Wayne county.....	180
David E. Heineman, Wayne county.....	180
Henry J. Eikhoff, Wayne county.....	180
Sheridan J. Colby, Wayne county.....	180
Otto Hatzenbuhler, Wayne county.....	180
Edward C. Bryan, Wayne county.....	206
Solon Goodell, Wayne county.....	184
John Caldwell, Wexford county.....	364
John Gilbert, Messenger.....	96
Clayton Busby, Messenger.....	90
Percy Gibson, Messenger.....	122
Roy Van Camp, Messenger.....	310
James Whitney.....	264
Archie Oakes, Messenger.....	164
Herbert Beckwith, Messenger.....	70
Arthur Conlan, Messenger.....	106
Rudolph Schremser, Messenger.....	180
Charles Dudley, Messenger.....	260
Roy Pearson, Messenger.....	348
Fred Buskirk, Messenger.....	186
Harry O. Cartwright, Messenger.....	200
Er. Shisler, Messenger.....	166
Wm. F. Shepherd, Sergeant-at-Arms, Lenawee county.....	160
Tyler Carmer, 1st Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms, Oceana county...	334
John Torris, 2nd Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms, Wayne County....	180
S. Chas. Despres, 3rd Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms, Grand Traverse county.....	422
Frank B. Gilbert, Messenger, Wayne county.....	182
C. N. Willis, Assistant Postmaster, Allegan county.....	208
A. H. Ryall, Committee Clerk, Van Buren county.....	266
E. H. Griffin, Committee Clerk, Lenawee county.....	216
C. W. Malloch, Committee Clerk, Delta county.....	1,192
A. O. Hoyt, Committee Clerk, Newaygo county.....	250
C. K. Reed, Committee Clerk.....	230
Peter Jackowski, Committee Clerk, Kent county.....	136
Mrs. Etta Rice Saunders, Committee Clerk, Ingham county.....	2
James A. Tennant, Committee Clerk, Kent county.....	136
Adam W. Kunna, Committee Clerk, Montmorency county.....	498
Oliver S. Kerr, Committee Clerk, Gogebic county.....	2
Roscoe Dow, Document Room Keeper, Bay county.....	160
James F. Shepherd, Assistant Document Room Keeper, Cheboygan county.....	500
Lewis M. Miller, Chief Clerk.....	2
Samuel F. Cook, Journal Clerk.....	864

	Miles.
F. Z. Hamilton, Bill Clerk.....	40
A. H. Smith, Reading Clerk.....	180
John H. Banninga, Financial Clerk.....	258
Robert S. Ramage, Proofreader.....	2
Frank H. Ellis, Stenographer.....	136
John Cole, Chief Janitor, Newaygo county.....	260
Harlan Cole, 1st Assistant Janitor, Osceola county.....	306
Chas. Burson, 2nd Assistant Janitor, Kalamazoo county.....	140
Charles A. Lee, 3rd Assistant Janitor, Macomb county.....	244
L. L. Taylor, 4th Assistant Janitor, Isabella county.....	234
Fred Hayward, 5th Assistant Janitor, Kent county.....	134
Wm. Barratt, Keeper Committee Rooms, Bay county.....	160
J. W. Kincaid, Gallery Janitor, Ingham county.....	2
Mrs. A. Alexander, Gallery Janitress, Kent county.....	134
George Houston, Detroit, Wayne county.....	190

WM. D. KELLY,

JOS. M'LEAN,

Committee.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The question being on the adoption of the report,

The report was adopted.

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.

The Speaker announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,

Lansing, January 12, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House the following concurrent resolution:

Whereas, Since the convening of the Legislature of Michigan less than one year ago, the war with Spain has been terminated, and the final act is soon to be registered in the adoption of the peace negotiations by the United States Senate; and

Whereas, The glorious achievements on land and sea by the American soldier and marine command the highest appreciation and gratitude of our patriotic people, and,

Whereas, Michigan is especially proud of her worthy sons who so conspicuously performed their duties in the contest to the honor and glory of the State, therefore

Resolved, By the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring). That a committee of three on the part of the House be appointed to act with a like committee on the part of the Senate to arrange for a peace jubilee program and exercises to be held in this hall at some date in the near future.

In the adoption of which the Senate has concurred.

Very respectfully,

CHARLES, S. PIERCE,

Secretary of the Senate.

The resolution was referred for enrollment and presentation to the Governor, under the rules.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, January 12, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House the following bill:

House bill No. 2, entitled

A bill to legalize the assessment roll for the township of Polkton, Ottawa county, Michigan, for the year 1898.

In the passage of which the Senate has concurred by a majority vote of all the Senators elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect has ordered the same to take immediate effect.

Very respectfully,

CHARLES S. PIERCE,
Secretary of the Senate.

The bill was referred for enrollment and presentation to the Governor, under the rules.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, January 13, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House the following joint resolution:

House joint resolution No. 1, entitled

A joint resolution relative to the binding of the Compiled Laws of 1897.

In the passage of which the Senate has concurred by a majority vote of all the Senators elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect has ordered the same to take immediate effect.

Very respectfully,

CHARLES S. PIERCE,
Secretary of the Senate.

The bill was referred for enrollment and presentation to the Governor, under the rules.

NOTICES.

Mr. Wheeler gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to authorize the formation of a corporation for the prevention of cruelty to children and animals, and to repeal act No. 119 of the public acts of Michigan for 1877, being chapter 169 of first Howell's annotated statutes of Michigan, sections 4610 to 4616 inclusive, and also act No. 161 of the public acts of Michigan for 1893.

Mr. Burfoot gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to provide for the appointment of a stenographer for the probate court of the county of Kent, and for the justice courts of the county of Kent.

Mr. Howell gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill for the examination, licensing and registration of physicians, and to repeal act No. 167, laws of 1883, entitled "An act to promote public health, as amended by act No. 268 laws of 1887, being chapter 72, p. ——— of Howell's annotated statutes."

Mr. Hatzenbuehler gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to prescribe the conditions under which foreign corporations other than moneyed corporations, may be licensed to do business in this State.

Mr. McLeod gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend section 33 of chapter 7 of an act to provide a charter for the city of Detroit and to repeal all acts and parts of acts in conflict therewith, approved June 7, 1883, as amended by act approved June 24, 1887.

Mr. Hart gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill entitled a bill to prevent and punish deception in the manufacture and sale of oleomargarine, imitation butter or butterine.

Mr. Keep gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to authorize the Commissioner of the State Land Office of this State to issue a patent to James O. and Cora A. Ferguson, for the northeast $\frac{1}{4}$ of the southeast $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 16 in township 3 south, of range 4 west, confirming the title in James O. and Cora A. Ferguson, and to repeal conflicting acts, orders or decrees.

Mr. Anderson gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend section 30 of act No. 264 of the session laws of 1861, entitled "An act to authorize proceedings by garnishment in the circuit courts and the district court of the upper peninsula," approved March 16, 1861, as subsequently amended, the same being section 8086 of Howell's annotated statutes.

Mr. Cheever gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill relative to proceedings in courts of chancery, and to amend sections, 57, 144, 145 and 146 of chapter 176 of the compiled laws of 1871, as heretofore amended, being sections 5093, 5180, 5181, 5192, 6647, 6738, 6739, and 6740 of Howell's annotated statutes of the State of Michigan.

Mr. Shisler gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend act No. 253 session laws of 1895, being an act to amend sections 1, 2, 3 and 4 of act No. 193, public acts of 1889, being an act entitled "An act to provide for the relief, outside of the Soldiers' Home,

for honorably discharged indigent Union soldiers and marines, and the wives, widows and minor children of such indigent or deceased Union soldiers, sailors or marines," as amended by act No. 2 of the public acts of 1893, and to stand as Sections 5 and 6 of said act.

Mr. Phillips gave notice that at some future day he could ask leave to introduce

A bill to allow the spearing of fish in Pugsley's lake in Van Buren county.

Mr. Burdick gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to repeal act No. 29 of the public acts of 1887, entitled "An act to provide for the payment of bounties for the killing of English sparrows," etc.

Mr. Burdick gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to provide for the filing of all field notes by county surveyors and all other surveyors in the subdivision of land, with the County Clerk of the respective county in which surveys are made.

Mr. Gordon gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to provide for the construction and maintenance of a fish hatchery in Marquette county.

Mr. Anderson gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend section 25 of act No. 137 of the laws of 1849 as amended relative to authorizing proceedings against garnishees and for other purposes as amended, being section 8055 of Howell's annotated statutes as amended by act 178 of the session laws of 1891.

Mr. Gray gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to regulate the taking of fish in Hamlin lake, Mason county.

Mr. Kerr gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to provide for the construction and maintenance of a fish hatchery in Houghton county.

Mr. Heineman gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend sections 1, 3 and 5 of an act entitled "An act to provide for the incorporation of institutions of learning," approved February 9, 1855, being sections numbered 4373, 4375, and 4377 of Howell's annotated statutes as heretofore amended.

Mr. Gustin gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to provide for the acceptance of the bonds of security and guarantee companies in all cases where bonds are required to be furnished by the laws of this State.

Mr. Davis gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill for the organization of corporate Methodist Episcopal churches.

Mr. Davis gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to define and restrict the validity of assignments and mortgages of indebtednesses as against garnishment proceedings in all courts.

Mr. Colvin gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill for the protection of miners in the lower peninsula.

Mr. Phillips gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to provide for determining and paying damages relating to the construction of Bear Lake drain in Van Buren county.

Mr. Phillips gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to allow the spearing of fish in Magician lake, in Van Buren county.

Mr. Dickinson gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend section 1, chapter 1, of the military act of 1862.

Mr. Dickinson gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill for the suppression of mob violence.

Mr. Taziman gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill restricting the use of barbed wire fence along the margin of the highway.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

Mr. Cheever, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 8, entitled

A bill relating to negotiable instruments.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Cheever, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 9, entitled

A bill concerning proceedings against concealed, absent and non-resident defendants in chancery, and to amend section 80 of chapter 176 of the compiled laws of 1871, being section 6870 of Howell's annotated statutes of the State of Michigan as amended.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Fleischhauer, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 10, entitled

A bill to provide for the assessment and levy of taxes upon the property of railroad companies, express companies, telegraph companies and telephone companies and the collection thereof, and the designation and election of a State Board of Assessors to make such assessments and levy, and defining the duties of such board, and the compensation of its members, and to repeal section 33 of act No. 42 of the laws of 1846, as amended by act No. 179 of the laws of 1893, and section 31 of act No. 113 of the

laws of 1846 and the amendments thereto, and all other acts or parts of acts whether contained in special acts under which any of the companies whose property is to be assessed under this act shall have been incorporated or under the general railroad law and the amendments thereto, or in the act for the incorporation of union railroad stations and depot grounds, or in any other law of this State, so far as such acts or parts of acts are inconsistent with this act and no further.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Railroads.

Mr. Hammond, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 11, entitled

A bill making an appropriation for the current expenses of the Michigan Soldiers' Home, and for the home for widows, wives and mothers of soldiers, sailors and marines who served in the Mexican and late civil wars, for the years 1899-1900.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Soldiers' Home.

Mr. Heineman, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 16, entitled

A bill to protect sidewalks and side paths, and to provide a penalty for its violation.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Towns and Counties.

Mr. Hammond, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 12, entitled

A bill to make an appropriation to build and furnish a kitchen and dining room of the woman building located upon the grounds of the Michigan Soldiers' Home.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Soldiers' Home.

Mr. Hammond, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 13, entitled

A bill to make an appropriation to furnish new boilers to replace those now in use at the Michigan Soldiers' Home.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Soldiers' Home.

Mr. Hammond, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 14, entitled

A bill to amend the title and sections 1, 4 and 8 and to repeal sections 2, 6 and 7 of act No. 212 of the session laws of 1893, entitled, "An act establishing a home for the soldiers, sailors and marines who served in the late civil war, their wives and mothers, and making an appropriation for the erection and maintenance thereof."

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Soldiers' Home.

Mr. Chandler, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House joint resolution No. 15, entitled

Joint resolution to refund to William St. James certain money paid by him to the State for land and timber claimed by the State, which had previously been conveyed by the State to his grantor.

The joint resolution was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

Mr. Anderson, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 17, entitled

A bill to amend sections 1 and 2 of act No. 186 of the public acts of 1867, entitled "An act to authorize dissection in certain cases, for the advancement of science," approved March 27, 1867, as amended by the several acts amendatory thereof.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Public Health.

Mr. McLean, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 18, entitled

A bill to protect the professional title and degrees of doctors of veterinary, medicine and surgery, and its various branches, and to restrict the use of such title and its abbreviation to regular graduates of recognized colleges or schools of veterinary, medicine and surgery, and those having passed a satisfactory examination before the State Veterinary Board, to create a State Veterinary Board, and to provide for registration of doctors of veterinary, medicine and surgery.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on State Affairs.

Mr. Gustin, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 19, entitled

A bill to amend section 3 of act number 151, of the Public Acts of 1897, entitled "An act to regulate the catching of fish in the waters of this State by the use of pound or trap nets, gill nets, seines or other apparatus."

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Fisheries and Game.

Mr. Colby, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 20, entitled

A bill to amend section 1 and 5 of act number 120 of the Public Acts of 1893, approved May 25, 1893, entitled "An act to amend sections 1 and 5 of act number 25 of the Public Acts of 1887, approved March nine, 1887, entitled "An act to provide for three additional circuit judges for the third judicial circuit," so as to provide one other additional circuit judge for the third judicial circuit.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Goodyear, previous notice having been given, introduced House bill No. 21, entitled

A bill to repeal act 120 of the Public Acts of 1895 as amended by act 275 of Public Acts of 1897, entitled an act to prevent the spearing of fish in the waters of Long Lake in Genesee county.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Goodyear,

The rules were suspended, two-thirds of all the members present voting therefor, and the bill was put upon its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Aldrich	Mr. Hammond	Mr. Pearson
Alward	Handy	Phillips
Babcock	Hart	Randall
Baumgaertner	Hatzenbuhler	Read, J. H.
Brownell	Heineman	Reed, W. A.
Bryan	Herrig	Robinson
Burch	Hofmeister	Rulison
Burdick	Howell	Scully
Burfoot	Keep	Shisler
Carton	Kelly	Soper
Chandler	Kerr	Stewart
Cheever	Kingott	Stumpenhuisen,
Colby	Laflamboy	Sutherland
Colvin	Locher	Taziman
Crosby	Lusk	Van Camp
Dickinson	McCall	Waterbury
Dudley	McKay	Watters
Duff	McLean	Wayne
Eikhoff	McLeod	Weier
Fleischhauer	Mason	Wells
Gillette	Miller	Weter
Goodell	Moore	Wheeler
Goodrich	Murdoch	Whitney
Goodyear	Murphy	Wing
Gordon	Nevins	Wood
Gray	Niedermeier	Woodruff
Gustin	Oberdorffer	Speaker
Hall	Pack	

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Goodyear.

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

Mr. Scully, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 22, entitled

A bill to repeal the charter of the Michigan Central Railroad Company.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Railroads.

Mr. Weier, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 23, entitled

A bill to provide for the support of the armories of the Michigan State National Guards.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Hofmeister offered the following:

Resolved, That the Clerk of the House be and is hereby authorized to draw an order in favor of Mr. T. Charland for the sum of \$27 for services as Janitor, appointed by the Sergeant-at-Arms, from Wednesday, January 4, to and including January 12.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Fleischhauer offered the following:

Resolved, That the Clerk be instructed to draw an order for \$16 in favor of Frank J. Benton for services as messenger from the opening of the session to Wednesday, January 11, 1899.

Which was adopted.

Mr. McLeod offered the following:

Whereas, There is now pending before the United States Senate a bill known as House bill No. 7389 for the limiting of the hours of daily service of all laborers, workingmen, and mechanics, employed upon the public works of the United States to an eight-hour work day; and

Whereas, The passage of this measure would place our government on record as a humane government and in favor of advancing the cause of labor, as less hours give better wages, better homes and better lives, therefore be it

Resolved, By the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That our Senators in Congress be respectfully requested to use their earnest endeavors to secure the passage of said bill.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded by the Secretary of State to each of the Senators of this State.

Laid over one day under the rules.

Mr. Randall offered the following:

Resolved, That the Speaker is hereby authorized to appoint a messenger boy for the different groups of committees of the House.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Lusk offered the following:

Resolved, That the message of his excellency, the Governor, be referred to the committee on Revision and Amendment of the Statutes, for the purpose of a proper distribution of the various recommendations contained therein to the proper standing committees of the House.

Which was adopted.

The Speaker announced the following:

To the House of Representatives:

I hereby tender my resignation as Clerk of the Judiciary committee, and committee on Private Corporations.

Yours respectfully,
A. E. MANNING

On motion of Mr. Lusk.

The resignation was accepted.

Mr. Lusk offered the following:

Resolved, That Lillian A. Wells, of Genesee, be and is hereby appointed as Clerk to the Judiciary and Private Corporations committee to fill vacancy caused by the resignation of Albert Manning.

Which was adopted.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Being the consideration of the following:

Resolved, By the House (the Senate concurring), That the contractor to be employed by the committees on Supplies and Expenditures be instructed to forward one copy of the Daily Journal to each daily and weekly newspaper published within the State, and to each State officer or member of State Commission, Supreme, Circuit and Probate Judge, County Clerk, County Treasurer, Register of Deeds, Prosecuting Attorney, Circuit Court Commissioner, and to each public library, Board of Trade, Superior and Recorder's Court in the State, and to each County School Commissioner and Superintendent of each union school in the State, and that the amount of postage on such copies of said Journal be paid by the State Treasurer on the warrant of the Auditor General, on the presentation of bills duly certified by the Postmaster at Lansing and by the contractor, showing that such stamps have been purchased and used only for the payment of postage on said copies of said Journal hereby ordered to be distributed.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution,

Mr. Eikhoff moved that the resolution be so amended as to include the sending of the Journals to central labor unions and trade councils.

Which motion prevailed.

Mr. Anderson moved that the resolution be further amended so as to include city clerks and city councils.

Which motion prevailed.

Mr. Phillips moved to further amend the resolution by inserting between the words "union" and "school," the words "or graded."

Which motion prevailed.

Mr. Gustin moved to farther amend the resolution so as to provide that the Journal shall be sent to the persons mentioned in the resolution who apply for them.

Pending which,

On motion of Mr. Lusk,

The resolution was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. McLeod,

Leave of absence was granted to himself until Wednesday next.

On motion of Mr. Wayne,

Leave of absence was granted to himself for next week.

Mr. Dudley moved that the House adjourn.

Which motion prevailed.

The Speaker declared the House adjourned until 8 o'clock p. m., on Monday next.

{ REPRESENTATIVE HALL, LANSING.
Monday, January 16, 1899.

The House met pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by the Speaker.

Roll called: quorum present.

Absent without leave: Messrs. Burfoot, Gustin, Kelly, Lusk, Miller, J. H. Read, Soper and Van Camp.

On motion of Mr. Phillips,

Leave of absence was granted to all absentees for the day.

By unanimous consent,

Mr. Howell offered the following:

Whereas, The Legislature has learned with deep regret of the death, at his home in the city of Adrian, on Sunday, the 15th of this month, of General William Humphrey, who had filled with distinction the offices of captain, colonel and brigadier general in the late War of the Rebellion, and in the State, that of Auditor General, and many other offices of trust and responsibility; and

Whereas, We desire to express our appreciation of the ability, honesty and integrity, and our respect for the personal worth of the deceased, be it

Resolved, By the House (the Senate concurring), That in the death of General Humphrey the citizens of the State of Michigan have lost one whose loyalty has ever been pre-eminent, whose integrity has never been questioned, whose life has been irreproachable, and whose devotion to his country and to his State is worthy of emulation.

Resolved. That the sympathy and condolence of the Legislature of Michigan be extended to the sorrowing family, whose affliction is much greater than ours, and whose grief can only be alleviated by Him whose sustaining arm can best support them in their irreparable loss.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved family and also made a part of the records of this body.

Pending the order that the resolution lie over one day under the rules, On motion of Mr. Howell

The rules were suspended, two-thirds of all the members present voting therefor, and the resolution was put upon its immediate consideration.

The resolution was then adopted by an unanimous rising vote.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM STATE OFFICERS.

MICHIGAN,
ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Lansing, January 13, 1899.

To Hon. Edgar J. Adams, Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I have the honor of announcing that, in accordance with the power vested in me by resolution of the Senate (duly concurred in by your honorable body), I have appointed Fred H. Hadrick messenger for my office during the session of the Legislature.

Yours respectfully,

HORACE M. OREN,
Attorney General.

The communication was laid on the table.

NOTICES.

Mr. Waterbury gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill providing for the payment of salaries to county officers, and providing for the disposition of the fees received by such officers.

Mr. Hammond gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend sections 41 and 47 of act No. 155 of the session laws of 1851, approved April 8, 1851, entitled "An act to provide for the formation of companies to construct plank roads," being sections 3636 and 3642 of volume 1 of Howell's annotated statutes of the State of Michigan.

Mr. Hammond gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7 and 9 of act No. 238, public acts of 1889, entitled "An act to provide for the amicable adjustment of grievances and disputes that may arise between employers and employees, and to authorize the creation of a State court of mediation and arbitration." Approved July 3, 1889.

Mr. Hammond gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend section 2 of chapter 202 of the compiled laws of 1871, being section 8032 of Howell's annotated statutes, relative to proceedings against garnishees.

Mr. Fleischhauer gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to repeal act No. 235 of public acts of 1897, being an act to amend chapter 119 of the revised statutes of 1846, as amended by act number 312 of the public acts of 1887, being compiler's section 8218 of Howell's annotated statutes relative to proceedings by and against public bodies having certain corporate powers, and by and against officers representing them, by adding a new section thereto to stand as section 8.

Mr. Gillam gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to authorize the Board of Supervisors of Roscommon county to issue not to exceed ten thousand dollars of bonds for the purpose of paying matured orders and existing indebtedness.

Mr. McLean gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to establish a Board of County Auditors for the county of Bay and prescribe their duties.

Mr. Shepherd gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to authorize the townships of Benton and Inverness in Cheboygan county to borrow money for the construction of a bridge over the Cheboygan river dividing said townships.

Mr. Chandler gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to incorporate the Ursuline Academy of St. Ignace, Michigan.

Mr. Chamberlain gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to provide for the protection of fish and game.

Mr. Chamberlain gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A joint resolution to provide for the amendment of section 28 of article 4 of the constitution of this State relative to the time for the introduction of bills in the State Legislature.

Mr. Chamberlain gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to disorganize the village of Ewen in the county of Ontonagon and to provide for the disposition of the territory and other property thereof.

Mr. Gillam gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to fix the per diem compensation of the members of the State Legislature from the upper peninsula for and during the session of 1899.

Mr. Hart gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to establish the extent of liability under any policy of insurance covering any building or structure in the State and issued by any fire or lightning insurance company doing business in this State.

Mr. Weier gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to regulate the keeping of offices by express companies doing business in the State of Michigan.

Mr. Weier gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill for the protection of game.

Mr. Weier gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to license and regulate commission men and brokers.

Mr. McLean gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to regulate the payment of fire insurance losses in the State of Michigan.

Mr. Nevins gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend sections 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 9, 13, 14, 15, and 16 of act No. 207 of the public acts of 1889 and to add a new section, to stand as section 25; and to repeal section 7 of said act No. 207 of the public acts of 1889, entitled "An act to prohibit the manufacture, sale, keeping for sale or furnishing malt, brewed, fermented, spirituous or intoxicating liquors in *certain counties*, etc., etc., * * * and to provide for penalties and rights of action in case of its violation."

Mr. Scully gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to repeal act No. 217 of the public acts of 1897, being "An act to provide for the registration of deaths in Michigan and requiring certificates of death."

Mr. Phillips gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill for the protection of fish in certain lakes in the counties of Van Buren and Cass.

Mr. Phillips gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend an act for the protection of fish in certain lakes in the counties of Berrien, Cass, Calhoun and Van Buren.

Mr. Pearson gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend section 4 of chapter 7 of act No. 3 of the public acts of 1895, entitled "An act to provide for the incorporation of villages within the State of Michigan, and defining their powers and duties," being section 2772 of the compiled laws of 1897.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

Mr. Pearson, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 24, entitled

A bill to provide for the taxation of certain transfers of property, by gift, grant, inheritance, devise and bequest.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Howell, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 25, entitled

A bill for the examination, licensing and registration of physicians and to repeal act No. 167, laws of 1883, entitled "An act to promote public health, as amended by act No. 268, laws of 1887, being chapter 72 of Howell's annotated statutes."

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and

Pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Goodrich,

The bill was ordered printed for the use of the committee.

The bill was then referred to the committee on Public Health.

Mr. Wheeler, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 26, entitled

A bill to authorize the formation of a corporation for the prevention of cruelty to children and animals.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

Mr. McLeod, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 27, entitled

A bill to amend section 33 of chapter 7 of an act to provide a charter for the city of Detroit, and to repeal all acts and parts of acts in conflict therewith, approved June 7, 1883, as amended by act approved June 24, 1887.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on City Corporations.

Mr. Hart, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 28, entitled

A bill to prevent and punish deception in the manufacture and sale of oleomargarine, imitation butter, or butterine.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Public Health.

Mr. Anderson, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 29, entitled

A bill to amend section 25 of act number 137 of the laws of 1849 as amended, relative to authorizing proceedings against garnishees and for other purposes as amended, being section 8055 of Howell's annotated statutes as amended by act 178 of the session laws of 1891.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Anderson, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 30, entitled

A bill to amend section 30 of act number 264 of the session laws of 1861, entitled "An act to authorize proceedings by garnishment in the circuit courts and the district court of the upper peninsula," approved March 16, 1861, as subsequently amended, the same being section 8086 of Howell's annotated statutes.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Heineman, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 31, entitled

A bill to amend sections 1, 3 and 5 of an act entitled "An act to provide for the incorporation of institutions of learning," approved February 9, 1855, being sections numbered 4373, 4375 and 4377 of Howell's annotated statutes as heretofore amended.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Keep, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 32, entitled

A bill to authorize the Commissioner of the State Land Office of this State to issue a patent to James O. and Cora A. Ferguson, for the N. E. $\frac{1}{4}$ of the S. E. $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 16, township 3 south, of range 4 west, confirming the title thereto in James O. and Cora A. Ferguson.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Burdick, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 33, entitled

A bill to repeal act number 29 of the public acts of 1887, entitled "An act to provide for the payment of bounties for the killing of English sparrows," the same being sections 2259b, 2259c and 2259d of Howell's annotated statutes as amended by act number 189 of the public acts of 1895, and all other acts amendatory thereof.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Phillips, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 34, entitled

A bill to provide for the incorporation of associations to promote the business of growing, handling, storing and selling fruits.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Horticulture.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.

Mr Chamberlain offered the following:

Whereas, There are various estimates and statements as to the value of railroad and other taxable property in this State, and a general demand on the part of the people of the State for a revision in the tax laws, to the end that all property, whether corporate, individual, personal or real, shall bear its just, fair and equal share of the public tax; therefore be it

Resolved, That the special committee to whom has been referred the Cheever-Atkinson bill, be and they are hereby authorized, empowered and requested to investigate and report to this House not later than March 1 next,

First. The true market value of all railroad property within this State, and the method of arriving at such value;

Second. The true market value of all the other taxable property of the State, both personal and real, and the assessed value of the same;

Third. The total amount of taxes paid for all general purposes by the last named property;

Fourth. The systems for the levy and collection of taxes upon the property of railroads and other corporations prevailing in the other States of the Union, and the result of such systems; and

Fifth. The rate of tax, railroad, telegraph, telephone, and express companies would be required to pay under the Cheever-Atkinson bill; and be it further

Resolved, That such committee be and is hereby empowered to subpoena persons and send for books and records and papers, to administer oaths to witnesses, to take depositions, employ such assistance and incur such expense as may be deemed necessary by such committee to carry out in good faith the provisions of this resolution.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution,

Mr. Cheever moved that the resolution be laid on the table.

Mr. Chamberlain demanded the yeas and nays.

The demand was seconded, and the motion prevailed, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Aldrich

Alward

Babcock

Baumgärtner

Brownell

Bryan

Burch

Mr. Gillam

Goodell

Goodrich

Goodyear

Gordon

Gray

Hammond

Mr. McLeod

Murdoch

Murphy

Nevins

Oberdorffer

Pack

Robinson

Mr. Carton	Mr. Handy	Mr. Scully
Chandler	Hart	Stewart
Cheever	Hatzenbuehler	Stumpenhuisen,
Colby	Heineman	Sutherland
Colvin	Herrig	Waterbury
Crosby	Howell	Watters
Dickinson	Keep	Weier
Doyle	Laflamboy	Wheeler
Duff	Locher	Wood
Eikhoff	McLean	

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NAYS

Mr. Anderson	Mr. Kerr	Mr. Reed, G. W.
Burdick	Kingott	Reed, W. A.
Buskirk	Lugers	Rulison
Caldwell	Lusk	Shepherd
Chamberlain	McCall	Shisler
Collins	McKay	Taziman
Fleischhauer	Mason	Wells
Dudley	Moore	Weter
Davis	Nash	Whitney
Gillette	Pearson	Wing
Hall	Phillips	Woodruff
Hofmeister	Randall	Speaker

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Mr. Carton offered the following:

Resolved, That the election of an United States Senator for the term of six years from the 4th of March next, to succeed the Hon. Julius C. Burrows, whose term of office will then expire, be made the special order of the House for 11 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

Which was adopted, two thirds of the members present voting therefor.

Mr. Lusk offered the following:

Died, in the city of Washington, D. C., January 13, 1899, Hon. Nelson Dingley, M. C., of Maine.

A great leader, scholar, patriot is dead. He was a true American, a lover of his country. He stood always for the right, as God gave him wisdom to see the right.

He was a teacher of truth, a minister of love.

"His life was gentle, and the elements so mixed in him,
That nature might rise up and say to all the world—Here was a
man."

Whereas, The Michigan Legislature has learned with profound sorrow of the death of that honored and distinguished son of Maine, Hon. Nelson Dingley; and

Whereas, His death removes a notable and honored figure in the official life of the nation and is a cause for common regret and sorrow; therefore be it

Resolved, By the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That we share in the general grief of our sister State, recognize the nation's loss, and tender our sympathy to our associate in this body, Hon. E. N. Dingley, and to all members of the afflicted family; and further

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread upon the Journal and a copy be forwarded by the Secretary of State to the family of the deceased, and an additional copy be placed in the hands of our associate on this floor.

Which was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Herrig offered the following:

Resolved, That the Board of Auditors are hereby requested and instructed to purchase, forthwith, a new carpet for Representative Hall, and to make such progress with arrangements for laying the same as that, during the ten days' recess which it is expected the House will very soon take, the said carpet may be laid and the seats and electrical apparatus may be in place by the time of the resumption of business by the House.

Mr. Dickinson moved that the resolution be referred to the committee on Supplies and Expenditures.

Which motion did not prevail.

The resolution was then adopted.

Mr. Gordon offered the following:

Resolved, That the Sergeant-at-Arms be and is hereby instructed to furnish a sufficient supply of mineral water for the use of the House.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Colvin moved that the committees on institutions in the upper peninsula and the committee on Fisheries and Game be increased to twenty-five members each.

Which motion did not prevail.

Mr. Heineman offered the following:

Resolved, That the Speaker and the Clerk of the House be and are hereby requested to send the following message to Representative E. N. Dingley at Lewiston, Maine, in the name of the House:

Your colleagues, the Speaker and members of the House of Representatives of Michigan, having been called upon to share the great sorrow of the nation at the death of your distinguished father, desire to express to you, in your greater sorrow, their sincere and heartfelt sympathy, and the hope that the memory of his example and achievements will strengthen and cheer you as you journey homeward to the duties which await you in their midst.

Which was unanimously adopted.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Being the consideration of the following:

Whereas, There is now pending before the United States Senate a bill known as House bill No. 7389 for the limiting of the hours of daily service of all laborers, workingmen and mechanics, employed upon the public works of the United States to an eight-hour work day; and

Whereas, The passage of this measure would place our government on record as a humane government and in favor of advancing the cause of labor, as less hours give better wages, better homes and better lives; therefore be it

	Miles.
Joel H. Gillette, Berrien county.....	320
Ralph C. Miller, Ingham county.....	2
Edward W. Pardee, Kent county.....	136
Harry A. Silsbee, Ingham county.....	2
Grant S. Bennett, Wayne county.....	180
Lillian A. Wells, Genesee county.....	100
H. Louis Herschberg, Wayne county.....	180
Fred B. Hayward (additional), Kent county.....	2
Bartlett A. Nevins, Allegan county.....	2
Hugh McKinley, Tuscola county.....	206
Ray Welch, Shiawassee county.....	84
Homer Rutledge, St. Clair county.....	232
Henry L. Wood, Jr., Gratiot county.....	118
Roy S. Ormsby, Oakland county.....	170
Mrs. A. Alexander (additional), Kent county.....	2
Glen Wheeler, Oceana county.....	334

A correction is hereby made in mileage of C. W. Malloch. It should read 1,172 miles instead of 1,192, as in former report.

WM. D. KELLY,
JOSEPH McLEAN,
Chairman.

Report accepted.

Mr. Gillam moved that the report be amended by adding to the mileage heretofore reported for Mr. F. Moore, 12 miles.

Which motion prevailed.

The report as amended was then adopted.

NOTICES.

Mr. Dudley gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to provide for the appointment of a State inspector of appraisers, and for the suppression of foul brood among bees.

Mr. Dudley gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to revise and amend the general tax laws of the State.

Mr. Colby gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to provide for the election, at primary elections, by a direct vote of the members of the various political parties, of all candidates of such parties for election to any and all public offices, the occupants of which now are or hereafter shall be required, by law, to be elected at an April or November election, entirely by electors residing within Wayne county, which shall include county, city, township, village and ward officers, circuit judges and judges of the recorder's court of the city of Detroit, members of congress and of the State Legislature. And also for the election of delegates to political conventions and of members of committees of political parties and to provide for, regulate and protect such

primary elections and conventions, and to punish offenses committed thereat, and to repeal all acts or parts of acts conflicting with the provisions of this act.

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Mr. Gillam gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to provide for the settlement of certain local delinquent taxes in the county of Roscommon.

Mr. Hall gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend sections 3 and 4 of chapter 236 of Howell's annotated statutes relative to the intermarrying of first cousins.

Mr. Lusk gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to provide for public notice of proposed charter changes and the method by which cities and villages may amend or alter their charters.

Mr. Gillam gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend section 47 of act No. 206 of the public acts of 1893, as amended by act No. 229 of the public acts of 1895, entitled "An act to provide for the assessment of property and the levy and collection of taxes thereon, and for the collection of taxes heretofore and hereafter levied; making such taxes a lien on the lands taxed, establishing and continuing such lien, providing for the sale and conveyance of lands delinquent for taxes, and for the inspection and disposition of lands bid off to the State and not redeemed or purchased; and to repeal act No. 200 of the public acts of 1891, and all other acts and parts of acts in any wise contravening the provisions of this act," being compiler's section No. 3870.

Mr. Anderson gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A joint resolution directing the Board of State Auditors to settle claim made by George W. Crump against the State of Michigan for compensation for injuries received by him while superintending the removal of camp supplies and equipage from the military camp at Island Lake to the railroad station, on the 9th day of August, 1887.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

Mr. Hart, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 35, entitled

A bill to establish the extent of liability under any policy of insurance covering any building or structure in this State and issued by any fire or lightning insurance company doing business in this State.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Insurance.

Mr. Hammond, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 36, entitled

A bill to amend sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7 and 9 of act No. 238, public acts of 1889, entitled "An act to provide for the amicable adjustment of grievances and disputes that may arise between employers and employees, and to authorize the creation of a State court of mediation and arbitration," approved July 3, 1889.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Revision and Amendment of the Statutes.

Mr. Hammond, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 37, entitled

A bill to amend section 2 of chapter 202 of the compiled laws of 1871, being section 8032 of Howell's annotated statutes relative to proceedings against garnishees.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Hammond, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 38, entitled

A bill to amend sections 41 and 47 of act No. 155 of the session laws of 1851, approved April 8, 1851, entitled "An act to provide for the formation of companies to construct plank roads," being sections 3636 and 3642 of volume 1 of Howell's annotated statutes of the State of Michigan.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

Mr. Chamberlain, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 39, entitled

A bill for the protection of fish and game, and providing for a license for hunting.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and

Pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Chamberlain,

The bill was ordered printed for the use of the committee.

The bill was then referred to the committee on Fisheries and Game.

Mr. Phillips, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 40, entitled

A bill for the protection of fish in the lakes known as Eagle lake, in the townships of Bloomingdale and Cheshire, in the counties of Van

Buren and Allegan, and the lakes known as Pugley's lake and Four-Mile lake, in the township of Paw Paw, in the county of Van Buren, for a period of ten years.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Fisheries and Game.

Mr. Gillam, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 41, entitled

A bill to fix the per diem compensation of the members of the State Legislature from the upper peninsula for and during the session of 1899.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on State Affairs.

Mr. Gillam, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 42, entitled

A bill to authorize the board of supervisors of Roscommon county to issue not to exceed ten thousand dollars of bonds for the purpose of paying matured orders and existing indebtedness.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Local Taxation.

Mr. Weier, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 43, entitled

A bill to license and regulate commission men and brokers.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Weier, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 44, entitled

A bill for the protection of game.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Fisheries and Game.

Mr. Weier, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 45, entitled

A bill to regulate the keeping of offices by express companies doing business in the State of Michigan.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Private Corporations.

Mr. Taziman, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 46, entitled

A bill to regulate the use of barbed wire along the margin of the highway.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

Mr. Fleischhauer, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 47, entitled

A bill to repeal act No. 235 of the public acts of 1897, being an act to amend chapter 119 of the revised statutes of 1846, as amended by act No. 312 of the public acts of 1887, being compiler's section 8218 of

Howell's annotated statutes relative to proceedings by and against public bodies having certain corporate powers, and by and against officers representing them, by adding a new section thereto to stand as section 8, and to make disposition of all money collected under said act.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Pearson, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 48, entitled

A bill to amend section 4 of chapter 7 of act No. 3 of the public acts of 1895, entitled "An act to provide for the incorporation of villages within the State of Michigan, and defining their powers and duties," being section 2772 of the compiled laws of 1897.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Village Corporations.

Mr. Shepherd, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 49, entitled

A bill to authorize the townships of Benton and Inverness in the county of Cheboygan, to borrow money for the construction of a bridge over the Cheboygan river dividing said townships.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Towns and Counties.

Mr. Chandler, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 50, entitled

A bill to incorporate the Ursuline academy, of St. Ignace, Michigan.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Anderson offered the following:

Whereas, The force of clerks in the State library is limited; and

Whereas, There is need of a messenger boy to accommodate the members and State library in the obtaining of reports for the various committees; therefore

Resolved, That the State Librarian be authorized to appoint a messenger boy to act in that capacity.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Cheever offered the following:

Resolved, That another clerk be appointed to the representatives of the press by the Speaker, upon the recommendation of the newspaper men who will report the daily sessions of this Legislature.

Which was not adopted.

Mr. Chamberlain offered the following:

Resolved (the Senate concurring), That when the Legislature adjourns on Monday, January 30 inst., it stand adjourned to Thursday, February 9, 1899, at 9 o'clock p. m.

Laid over one day under the rules.

Mr. Lusk offered the following:

Whereas, It is necessary that the several committees have time to visit the several State institutions; therefore be it

Resolved by the House (the Senate concurring), That when the Legislature adjourns Friday, January 27, it adjourn to Tuesday, February 7, at 9 o'clock p. m.

Laid over one day under the rules.

Mr. Lusk moved that the rules be suspended and the resolution put for its immediate consideration.

Which motion,

On motion of Mr. Chamberlain,

Was laid on the table.

Mr. Bryan offered the following:

Resolved, That the Sergeant-at-Arms be authorized to procure admission cards for the use of the members of the House in introducing such persons as may be admitted within the bar of the House as provided in House rule No. 58.

Which was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Lusk,

The House took a recess until 11 o'clock this morning.

AFTER RECESS.

11 o'clock a. m.

The Speaker announced that the hour had arrived for the

SPECIAL ORDER,

Being the naming of a candidate for the office of Senator in the Congress of the United States, in place of Hon. Julius C. Burrows, whose term of office will expire on the 4th day of March next; and that in naming such candidate, each member will, as his name is called, arise in his place and name the candidate of his choice.

The House then proceeded by a vive voce vote to name a person for Senator in the Congress of the United States for the six years following the 4th day of March next, with the following result:

FOR JULIUS C. BURROWS.

Mr. Aldrich	Mr. Goodyear	Mr. Murdoch
Alward	Gordon	Murphy
Anderson	Gray	Nash
Baumgaertner	Gustin	Nevins
Brownell	Hall	Oberdorffer
Bryan	Hammond	Pearson
Burch	Handy	Phillips
Burdick	Hart	Randall
Burfoot	Hatzenbuehler	Read, J. H.
Buskirk	Heineman	Reed, G. W.
Caldwell	Herrig	Reed, W. A.
Carton	Hofmeister	Robinson
Chamberlain	Howell	Rulison
Chandler	Keep	Shepherd
Cheever	Kelly	Shisler

Mr. Colby	Mr. Kerr	Mr. Stewart
Collins	Kingott	Taziman
Crosby	Laflamboy	Waterbury
Davis	Locher	Watters
Dickinson	Lugers	Wayne
Doyle	Lusk	Wells
Dudley	McCall	Weter
Duff	McCallum	Wheeler
Eikhoff	McKay	Whitney
Fleischhauer	McLean	Wing
Gillam	McLeod	Wood
Gillette	Mason	Woodruff
Goodell	Moore	Speaker
Goodrich		

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FOR DANIEL J. CAMPAU.

Mr. Babcock	Mr. Pack	Mr. Stumpenhusen
Colvin	Schmidt	Weier
Niedermeier	Scully	

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The Speaker announced that the proceedings just had would be recorded in the Journal to be presented at the joint convention of the Senate and House which will convene at 12 o'clock m. tomorrow.

Mr. Chamberlain asked and obtained indefinite leave of absence for the special committee on the Saginaw contested election case.

On motion of Mr. Gustin,

The House took a recess until 2 o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

2 o'clock p. m.

The House met and was called to order by the Speaker.

Roll called: quorum present.

The House resumed the regular order.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

By the committee on Supplies and Expenditures:

The committee on Supplies and Expenditures, to whom was referred the following bills:

To Crotty Bros., Dr.:	
To one Standard Dictionary.....	\$12 00
To one Dictionary stand.....	5 00
Ordered for Proof Room.	
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	\$17 00

To Smith Premier Co., Dr.:	
2 Smith Premier typewriters with covers.....	\$200 00
less 10 per cent.....	20 00
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	\$180 00
2 typewriter desks at \$6.50 each.....	13 00
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	\$193 00
To Michigan Telephone Co., Dr.:	
To rental of telephone exchange services Jan. 1 to March 31, '99..	\$5 00
Balance due.....	1 67
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Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House and recommend the payment of the same and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

J. H. DICKINSON,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The question being on the adoption of the report,

The report was adopted, and the bills ordered paid.

By the committee on Supplies and Expenditures:

The committee on Supplies and Expenditures have had under consideration a request from the group of committees in room "M," for certain furniture for said room,

And respectfully recommend that the Sergeant at Arms be instructed to procure one roller top desk, at a cost not to exceed \$27.60, and one typewriter desk at a cost of not to exceed \$6.50, and that the Clerk be instructed to draw orders for the same when procured,

And ask to be discharged from further consideration of the subject.

J. H. DICKINSON,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The question being on the adoption of the report,

The report was adopted.

NOTICES.

Mr. Kelly gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to revise the laws relating to the incorporation of the public schools of the city of Muskegon.

Mr. Kelly gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to regulate the practice of veterinary surgery, dentistry or medicine.

Mr. Gordon gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend sections 2, 3 and 4 of chapter 8 of the act entitled, "An act to revise the charter of the city of Negaunee, in Marquette county," being amendatory of an act entitled "An act to incorporate the city of Negaunee, in Marquette county," approved April 11, 1873, and the acts amendatory thereof.

Mr. Shepherd gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to repeal act No. 180 of the public acts of 1897, entitled, "An act to provide for the protection of the reputation and good name of certain persons."

Mr. Shepherd gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend section 66 of act No. 240 of the public acts of 1893, being "An act to provide for the assessment of property and the levy and collection of taxes thereon, and for the collection of taxes heretofore and hereafter levied; making such taxes a lien on the lands taxed, establishing and continuing such lien, providing for the sale and conveyance of lands delinquent for taxes and for the inspection and disposition of lands bid off to the State and not redeemed or purchased, and to repeal act No. 200 of the public acts of 1892, and all other acts and parts of acts in anywise contravening any of the provisions of this act, as amended by act No. 229 of the public acts of 1897, entitled "An act to amend act No. 206 of the public acts of 1893, being 'An act to provide for the assessment of property and the levy and collection of taxes thereon, and for the collection of taxes heretofore and hereafter levied; making such taxes a lien on the lands taxed, establishing and continuing such lien, providing for the sale and conveyance of lands delinquent for taxes and for the inspection and disposition of lands bid off to the State and not redeemed or purchased, and to repeal act No. 200 of the public acts of 1891, and all other acts and parts of acts in anywise contravening any of the provisions of this act.'"

Mr. Goodell gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to protect the lives and property of persons at the crossings of electric railroads and public highways within the State of Michigan.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

Mr. Oberdorffer, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 51, entitled

A bill to provide an additional voting precinct in the township of Holmes, county of Menominee, to be known as voting precinct No. 3.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Elections.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Dickinson moved to take from the table the following:

Resolved by the House (the Senate concurring), That the contractor to be employed by the committees on Supplies and Expenses be instructed to forward one copy of the Daily Journal to each daily and

weekly newspaper published within the State, and to each State officer or member of State Commission, Supreme, Circuit and Probate Judge, County Clerk, County Treasurer, Register of Deeds, Prosecuting Attorney, Circuit Court Commissioner, City Clerks and City Controllers and to each public library, board of trade, central labor unions and trades councils, superior and recorder's court in the State, and to each County School Commissioner and Superintendent of each union or graded school in the State, and that the amount of postage on such copies of said Journal be paid by the State Treasurer on the warrant of the Auditor General, on the presentation of bills duly certified by the postmaster at Lansing and by the contractor, showing that such stamps have been purchased and used only for the payment of postage on said copies of said Journal hereby ordered to be distributed.

Which motion prevailed.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution,

Mr. Rulison moved to amend the resolution by inserting after the words "public library" the words "College of Mines."

Which motion prevailed.

Mr. Colby moved to further amend the resolution by inserting after the words "each union school in the State" the words "and to each notary public, whose address shall be furnished to said committee by a member of the House or Senate, but no member shall be allowed to furnish more than 15 names."

Which motion prevailed.

Mr. Gustin moved to further amend the resolution by inserting after the words "15 names" the words "upon application."

For which amendment,

Mr. Heineman offered the following substitute:

That in order to ascertain whether the Journal be desired a postal card be sent to such parties to whom the sending thereof is contemplated, notifying them that the Journal will be sent them on their written application therefor.

Pending which,

Mr. Kelley moved that the resolution and pending amendments be referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

Which motion did not prevail.

The question again recurring on the substitute motion made by Mr. Heineman,

The same was accepted by Mr. Gustin.

The question then being on agreeing to the amendment proposed by Mr. Heineman,

The motion then prevailed.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution as amended,

Mr. Alward moved that the resolution be referred to the joint committees on Printing of the two Houses.

Pending which,

Mr. Gillam demanded the previous question.

The demand was seconded.

Mr. Chamberlain moved to reconsider the vote by which the demand for the previous question was seconded.

Which motion prevailed.

Pending discussion,

Mr. Dickinson demanded the previous question.

The demand was seconded.

The main question was then ordered.

The question being on the motion to refer the resolution to the joint committees on Printing of the two Houses,

The motion did not prevail.

The question then being on the adoption of the resolution as amended by the several amendments which had been agreed to,

The resolution was then adopted.

On motion of Mr. Lusk,

Leave of absence was granted to Mr. Duff for Wednesday and Thursday next.

On motion of Mr. Goodyear,

The House adjourned.

REPRESENTATIVE HALL, LANSING,

Wednesday, January 18, 1899.

The House met pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Campbell.

Roll called: quorum present.

Absent without leave: Messrs. Miller, Murdoch and Soper.

On motion of Mr. Fleischhauer,

Leave of absence was granted to all absentees for the day.

The Speaker announced the following:

Lewiston, Maine,

January 17, 1899.

Hon. E. J. Adams and Lewis M. Miller, House of Representatives:

The message of sympathy from you and my colleagues in the House has touched me deeply. Permit me to express my heartfelt appreciation.

E. N. DINGLEY.

By unanimous consent,

Mr. Chamberlain offered the following:

Resolved, That the special committee appointed to investigate the Saginaw contested election case be increased by the appointment of two additional members by the Speaker.

For which,

Mr. Scully offered the following substitute:

Resolved, That the number of members on the special committee, appointed to investigate the election contest of Gardner vs. Schmidt, be increased to seven and that the two additional members on said committee be Albert E. Stewart and Christopher G. Babcock.

On agreeing to which,

Mr. Scully demanded the yeas and nays.

The demand was seconded.

Pending the calling of the roll,

Mr. Kelly moved that the substitute be laid on the table.

On which motion,

Mr. Kelly demanded the yeas and nays.

The demand was seconded, and the motion prevailed by yeas and nays as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Alward	Mr. Hart	Mr. Read, J. H.
Anderson	Hofmeister	Reed, G. W.
Brownell	Keep	Reed, W. A.
Burdick	Kelly	Robinson
Burfoot	Kerr	Rulison
Buskirk	Laflamboy	Shepherd
Caldwell	Lugers	Shisler
Chamberlain	McCall	Waterbury
Collins	McCallum	Watters
Davis	McKay	Wells
Dudley	Mason	Whitney
Fleischhauer	Moore	Wing
Gordon	Nash	Wood
Hall	Pearson	Woodruff
Hammond	Phillips	Speaker
Handy	Randall	

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NAYS.

Mr. Aldrich	Mr. Goodell	Mr. Nevins
Babcock	Goodrich	Niedermeier
Bryan	Goodyear	Oberdorffer
Burch	Gray	Pack
Carton	Gustin	Schmidt
Chandler	Hatzenbuhler	Scully
Cheever	Heck	Stewart
Colby	Heineman	Stumpenhusen
Colvin	Howell	Sutherland
Crosby	Kingott	Taziman
Dickinson	Locher	Wayne
Doyle	Lusk	Weier
Eikhoff	McLean	Weter
Gillam	McLeod	Wheeler
Gillette	Murphy	

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Which action also carried the original resolution to the table.

By unanimous consent,

Mr. Aldrich offered the following:

Resolved, That the Sergeant-at-Arms be and is hereby authorized to appoint Mr. Samuel Moore, of Detroit, Fourth Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms.

Mr. Waterbury moved that the resolution do lie on the table.

Which motion did not prevail.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution,

Mr. Hammond demanded the yeas and nays.

The demand was seconded, and the resolution was adopted by yeas and nays as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Aldrich	Mr. Fleischhauer	Mr. McLeod
Anderson	Gillam	Moore
Bryan	Goodrich	Oberdorffer
Burch	Gordon	Phillips
Burfoot	Gustin	Reed, G. W.
Carton	Handy	Rulison
Chamberlain	Hatzenbuhler	Schmidt
Chandler	Heineman	Shepherd
Cheever	Howell	Stewart
Colby	Kelly	Sutherland
Crosby	Kerr	Watters
Davis	Laflamboy	Wayne
Dickinson	Locher	Whitney
Doyle	McCall	Wood
Dudley	McCallum	Woodruff
Eikhoff	McLean	Speaker

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NAYS.

Mr. Alward	Mr. Heck	Mr. Read, J. H.
Baumgaertner	Hofmeister	Reed, W. A.
Brownell	Keep	Robinson
Burdick	Kingott	Scully
Buskirk	Lugers	Shisler
Caldwell	McKay	Stumpenhusen
Collins	Mason	Taziman
Gillette	Murphy	Waterbury
Gray	Nash	Wells
Hall	Nevins	Weter
Hammond	Pearson	Wheeler
Hart	Randall	Wing

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By unanimous consent,

Mr. Chamberlain offered the following:

Resolved, That the State Board of Auditors be and is hereby requested to remove, temporarily, the six hanging chandeliers from the House during the time the carpet is being laid.

Which was adopted.

On motion of Mr. McCall,

Leave of absence was granted to Mr. Soper indefinitely on account of sickness.

Mr. Gray moved to reconsider the vote by which the House adopted the following resolution:

Whereas, The force of clerks in the State library is limited; and

Whereas, There is need of a messenger boy to accommodate the members and State library in the obtaining of reports for the various committees; therefore

Resolved, That the State Librarian be authorized to appoint a messenger boy to act in that capacity.

On which motion,

Mr. Waterbury demanded the yeas and nays.

The demand was seconded, and the motion prevailed by yeas and nays as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Alward	Mr. Hammond	Mr. Read, J. H.
Babcock	Hart	Reed, W. A.
Baumgärtner	Hatzenbuehler	Robinson
Brownell	Heck	Schmidt
Burch	Heineman	Scully
Burdick	Hofmeister	Shepherd.
Buskirk	Howell	Shisler
Carton	Keep	Stewart
Colby	Kingott	Stumpfenhusen
Crosby	Laflamboy	Sutherland
Davis	Locher	Taziman
Dickinson	McKay	Waterbury
Dudley	Mason	Wayne
Eikhoff	Murphy	Weier
Gillette	Nash	Wells
Goodrich	Nevins	Weter
Goodyear	Pack	Wheeler
Gray	Pearson	Wing
Hall	Phillips	Woodruff

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NAYS.

Mr. Aldrich	Mr. Gillam	Mr. McCallum
Anderson	Gordon	McLean
Bryan	Gustin	McLeod
Burfoot	Handy	Randall
Caldwell	Herrig	Reed, G. W.
Chamberlain	Kelly	Rulison
Chandler	Kerr	Watters
Cheever	Lugers	Whitney
Collins	Lusk	Wood
Doyle	McCall	Speaker
Fleischhauer		

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The question being on the adoption of the resolution,

On motion of Mr. Gray,

The resolution was laid on the table.

Mr. Wheeler moved that a respectful message be sent to the Senate, asking the return to the House of the resolution relative to the sending out of the Legislative Journal.

Mr. Kelly moved that the motion to recall the resolution from the Senate, be laid on the table.

Which motion prevailed.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS.

No. 5. By Mr. Shepherd:

Petition of S. B. McCracken for sundry amendments to the constitution.

On demand of Mr. Shepherd,

The petition was read at length and spread at large on the Journal, as follows:

To the Honorable Legislature of Michigan:

As a citizen of the State, availing myself of the right of petition guaranteed by the constitution, I would respectfully memorialize the Honorable the Legislature upon the several matters herewith.

1. The submission of an amendment to section 6 of article 6 of the constitution, whereby the Legislature may increase the number of judges in any circuit when the business of such circuit is such as to require it, but limiting the whole number of judges by a pro rata to the whole population. Also providing that where more than one judge is to be elected in any circuit the terms may be so arranged that they be not all elected at the same time. Also authorizing judges to sit in circuits other than those for which they are elected, as may be provided by law. This last is now covered by a statute which is of doubtful constitutionality.

2. The submission of an amendment to section 17 of article 6 by which justices of the peace in cities may be elected or appointed, as may be provided by law.

3. The submission of an amendment to section 2 of article 20, by which proposed amendments be referred to the boards of supervisors of the several counties, instead of to popular vote, for their adoption, but providing for their reference to a popular vote, and that an adverse vote of a given per cent of the voting population shall constitute a negative or veto. The indifference of the people to proposed amendments to the fundamental law is shown by the fact that in 1862 an important amendment was adopted and went into effect on a vote of 3,180 in its favor to 1,273 against, while amendments most desirable to be made fail from like indifference.

4. An amendment to the law for choosing presidential electors, by which party committees shall report to the Secretary of State the names of the persons nominated for electors, but that the names of such electors be not printed on the ballots, but instead, that the names of the presidential candidates be printed, and the votes returned and canvassed in the usual manner, and that the electors nominated in behalf of the candidate having the highest number of votes shall be deemed to be duly appointed as such electors.

To which said several topics I would most respectfully petition the Honorable the Legislature to give such attention as they may seem to deserve.

(Signed)

S. B. M'CRACKEN.

Lansing, Jan. 18, 1899.

Referred to the committee on Judiciary.

No. 6. By Mr. Colvin: Petition to Saginaw county's representative to introduce amendment to game law.

Referred to the committee on Fisheries and Game.

No. 7. By Mr. Burdick: Petition of Edmund Borden relative to suppression of divorces.

Referred to the committee on Judiciary.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

By the committee on State Affairs:

The committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred

House bill No. 41, entitled

A bill to fix the per diem compensation of the members of the State Legislature from the upper peninsula for and during the session of 1899.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

HENRY L. WOOD,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

Pending the order that the bill be printed, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order,

On motion of Mr. Gillam,

The rules were suspended, two-thirds of all the members present voting therefor, and the bill was put upon its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Aldrich	Mr. Goodell	Mr. Nevins
Alward	Goodrich	Pearson
Anderson	Goodyear	Phillips
Baumgartner	Gray	Randall
Brownell	Gustin	Reed, G. W.
Bryan	Hammond	Reed, W. A.
Burch	Hart	Robinson
Burdick	Heineman	Schmidt
Burfoot	Herrig	Scully
Buskirk	Hofmeister	Shepherd
Caldwell	Howell	Shisler
Carton	Keep	Stewart
Cheever	Kelly	Sutherland
Colby	Kingott	Taziman
Collins	Lafamboy	Wayne
Crosby	Lugers	Wells
Davis	Lusk	Wheeler
Dickinson	McCall	Weter
Doyle	McKay	Whitney
Dudley	McLean	Wing
Eikhoff	McLeod	Wood
Fleischhauer	Mason	Woodruff
Gillam	Murphy	Speaker
Gillette	Nash	

NAYS.

Mr. Babcock
Colvin

Mr. Paek
Read, J. H.

Mr. Stumpenhusen
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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Gillam,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

By the committee on Judiciary:

The committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred

House bill No. 8, entitled

A bill relating to negotiable instruments.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration and have directed me to request of the House that the bill be printed for the use of the committee.

F. SHEPHERD,
Chairman.

Report accepted.

The question being on ordering the bill printed for the use of the committee,

The House so ordered.

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.

The Speaker announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, January 17, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House the following concurrent resolution:

Whereas, The Legislature has learned with deep regret of the death, at his home in the city of Adrian, on Sunday, the 15th of this month, of General William Humphrey, who had filled with distinction the offices of captain, colonel and brigadier general in the late War of the Rebellion, and in the State, that of Auditor General, and many other offices of trust and responsibility; and

Whereas, We desire to express our appreciation of the ability, honesty and integrity, and our respect for the personal worth of the deceased; be it

Resolved, By the House (the Senate concurring), That in the death of General Humphrey the citizens of the State of Michigan have lost one whose loyalty has ever been pre-eminent, whose integrity has never been questioned, whose life has been irreproachable, and whose devotion to his country and to his State is worthy of emulation.

Resolved, That the sympathy and condolence of the Legislature of Michigan be extended to the sorrowing family, whose affliction is much greater than ours, and whose grief can only be alleviated by Him whose sustaining arm can best support them in their irreparable loss.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved family and also made a part of the records of this body.

In the adoption of which the Senate has concurred.

Very respectfully,

CHARLES S. PIERCE,

Secretary of the Senate.

The resolution was referred for enrollment and presentation to the Governor, under the rules.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, January 17, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House the following concurrent resolution:

Died, in the city of Washington, D. C., January 13, 1899, Hon. Nelson Dingley, M. C. of Maine.

A great leader, scholar, patriot is dead. He was a true American, a lover of his country. He stood always for the right, as God gave him wisdom to see the right.

He was a teacher of truth, a minister of love.

“His life was gentle, and the elements so mixed in him,

That nature might rise up and say to all the world—Here was a man.”

Whereas, The Michigan Legislature has learned with profound sorrow of the death of that honored and distinguished son of Maine, Hon. Nelson Dingley; and

Whereas, His death removes a notable and honored figure in the official life of the nation and is a cause for common regret and sorrow; therefore be it

Resolved, By the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That we share in the general grief of our sister State, recognize the nation's loss, and tender our sympathy to our associate in this body, Hon. E. N. Dingley, and to all members of the afflicted family; and further

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread upon the Journal and a copy be forwarded by the Secretary of State to the family of the deceased, and an additional copy be placed in the hands of our associate on this floor.

In the adoption of which the Senate has concurred.

Very respectfully,

CHARLES S. PIERCE,

Secretary of the Senate.

The resolution was referred for enrollment and presentation to the Governor, under the rules.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, January 17, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House the following concurrent resolution:

Whereas, There is now pending before the United States Senate a bill known as House bill No. 7389 for the limiting of the hours of daily service of all laborers, workingmen, and mechanics, employed upon the public works of the United States to an eight-hour work day; and

Whereas, The passage of this measure would place our government on record as a humane government and in favor of advancing the cause of labor, as less hours give better wages, better homes and better lives; therefore be it

Resolved, By the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), that our Senators in Congress be respectfully requested to use their earnest endeavors to secure the passage of said bill.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded by the Secretary of State to each of the Senators of this State.

In the adoption of which the Senate has concurred.

Very respectfully,
CHARLES S. PIERCE,
Secretary of the Senate.

The resolution was referred for enrollment and presentation to the Governor, under the rules.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, January 17, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed by the Senate to transmit to the House the following bill:

Senate bill No. 14, entitled

A bill to enable the county of Midland to borrow money, issue its bonds therefor and to confirm the action of the Board of Supervisors in relation thereto.

Which has passed the Senate by a majority vote of all the Senators elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect has been ordered to take immediate effect, and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,
CHARLES S. PIERCE,
Secretary of the Senate.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Wayne,

The rules were suspended, two-thirds of all the members present voting therefor, and the bill was put upon its immediate passage.

The bill having been read a third time and the question being upon its passage, pending the taking of the vote thereon,

Mr. Wayne moved to amend the bill by striking out in section 2 the word "and," and inserting the word "the" in lieu thereof.

Which motion prevailed.

The question being on the passage of the bill,

Mr. Phillips moved that the bill be referred to the committee on Towns and Counties.

Which was withdrawn.

The bill was then passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Aldrich	Mr. Gray	Mr. Oberdorffer
Alward	Gustin	Pearson
Babcock	Hall	Phillips
Baumgaertner	Hammond	Randall
Brownell	Handy	Read, J. H.
Bryan	Hart	Reed, G. W.
Burch	Hatzenbuehler	Reed, W. A.
Burdick	Heck	Robinson
Buskirk	Heineman	Rulison
Caldwell	Herrig	Schmidt
Carton	Hofmeister	Scully
Chamberlain	Howell	Shepherd
Chandler	Keep	Shisler
Cheever	Kelly	Stewart
Colby	Kerr	Stumpfenhusen
Collins	Kingott	Sutherland
Colvin	Laflamboy	Taziman
Crosby	Locher	Waterbury
Davis	Lugers	Watters
Dickinson	Lusk	Wayne
Doyle	McCall	Weier
Dudley	McCallum	Wells
Eikhoff	McKay	Weter
Gillam	McLean	Wheeler
Gillette	McLeod	Whitney
Goodell	Mason	Wood
Goodrich	Murphy	Woodruff
Goodyear	Nash	Speaker
Gordon	Nevins	

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NAYS.

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Wayne,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

NOTICES.

Mr. Sutherland gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to provide for the construction of a drain between the counties of Bay and Saginaw from the Duck Pond in the township of Merritt, Bay county, and Bloomfield, Saginaw county, to the Cheboyganing creek.

Mr. Rulison gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to authorize school district No. 1 of the township of Portage, in the county of Houghton, to borrow money and issue bonds therefor, for the erection and furnishing of a school building in said district.

Mr. Gillam gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A joint resolution authorizing the issue of a patent for certain State swamp lands in Ogemaw county to Milton Adams.

Mr. Eikhoff gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend act No. 360 of local acts of the year of 1871, entitled an act to create a fire commission in the city of Detroit, approved March 18, 1871, and amended by act No. 364 of local acts of 1877, approved May 23, 1877, and amended by act No. 427 of local acts of the year 1897. Approved May 7, 1897.

Mr. Howell gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to preserve the health of the National Guard by prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors on the grounds or in any building under the control of the National Guard and by limiting the military duties on the first day of the week.

Mr. Crosby gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to provide for the purchase of books and equipments for the Michigan State library and the Michigan traveling library.

Mr. Oberdorffer gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend section 3 of act 151 of the session laws of 1897, entitled an act to regulate the catching of fish in the waters of this State by the use of pound or trap nets, gill nets, seines and other apparatus.

Mr. Kelly gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend sections 3, 5 and 8 of act No. 147 of the public acts of 1891, entitled "An act to provide for the election of a county commissioner of schools, for the appointment of school examiners and to define the duties and fix the compensation for the same," and to repeal all existing acts or parts of acts conflicting with the provisions of this act, the same being sections 4810, 4812 and 4815 of the compiled laws of 1897.

Mr. Nevins gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to change the names of Thomas Wager and Edna Wager to Thomas Kershaw and Edna Kershaw.

Mr. Nevins gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend section 2 of an act to authorize proceedings against garnishees, and for other purposes, being act 137 of 1849, being paragraph No. 8032, Howell's annotated statutes.

Mr. Carton gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend sections 140 and 141 of act No. 240, public acts of 1893, as amended by act No. 229, public acts of 1897.

Mr. Colvin gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill for the protection of game.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

Mr. Cheever, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 52, entitled

A bill to amend section 2 of an act entitled "An act to provide for the incorporation of associations for the purpose of constructing, owning, controlling and acquiring by lease buildings for exposition and exhibition purposes," approved February 20, 1889, as subsequently amended, by amending the seventh subdivision of section 2, and by adding a new subdivision to section 2 to stand as subdivision 8, and to add two new sections to said act to stand as sections 13 and 14.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Cheever,

The rules were suspended, two-thirds of the members elect voting therefor, and the bill put upon its immediate passage.

The bill was read a third time, and pending the taking of the vote thereon,

The Speaker announced that it was so nearly the hour for the special order that a committee should be appointed to notify the Senate that the House was ready to receive them in joint convention.

Mr. Lusk moved that a committee of three be appointed to inform the Senate that the House was ready to receive them in joint convention.

Which motion prevailed.

The Speaker announced as such committee Messrs. Lusk, J. H. Read and Babcock.

After a short absence the committee returned and reported that they had performed the duty assigned them and were discharged.

The Sergeant-at-Arms announced the Honorable, the Senate, who were conducted to seats.

PROCEEDINGS IN JOINT CONVENTION.

The joint convention met at 12 m. and was called to order by the Honorable R. H. Loomis, Senator and President pro tem of the Senate.

The roll of the Senate was called by the Secretary thereof and a quorum of the Senators were present.

The roll of the House was called by the Clerk thereof, and a quorum of the members were present.

The President pro tem of the Senate, and President ex officio of the joint convention, announced that the two Houses had met in joint con-

vention to compare the proceedings of the Senate and House of Representatives of yesterday, relative to the naming of a person for Senator in the Congress of the United States for six years from the 4th day of March next, and to ascertain if the same person had received a majority of all the votes cast in each house for such office and thereby an election had taken place.

The Secretary of the Senate, by direction of the President thereof, read the Journal of the proceedings in the Senate thereon as follows:

The President pro tem announced that the time had arrived for the

SPECIAL ORDER.

The hour of 2:30 p. m. having been fixed by resolution of the Senate for the naming, on the part of the Senate, of a person for Senator in the Congress of the United States, from the State of Michigan, for the full term of six years from the 4th day of March next,

The Senate then proceeded, by a vive voce vote, to name a person for Senator in the Congress of the United States for the full term of six years from the 4th day of March next, with the following result:

FOR JULIUS C. BURROWS.

Mr. Baker	Mr. Humphrey	Mr. Potter
Blakeslee	Latimer	Sayre
Brown	Lyon	Sheldon
Collingwood	McGraw	Smith, A. G.
Davis	McMullen	Smith, Charles
Flood	Maitland	Stoll
Giddings	Milliken	Wagar
Graham	Moore	President <i>pro tem.</i>
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FOR DANIEL J. CAMPAU.

Mr. Helme	Mr. Monaghan	Mr. Ward
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The Secretary announced that there had been thirty votes cast, twenty-five of which were for Julius C. Burrows, and five for Daniel J. Campau.

The President announced that the proceedings under the special order would be recorded in the Journal for presentation at the joint convention, which will convene at 12 o'clock m. tomorrow in accordance with the United States statutes and the statutes of the State of Michigan.

The Clerk of the House, by direction of the Speaker thereof, read the Journal of the proceedings in the House thereon as follows:

11 o'clock a. m.

The Speaker announced that the hour had arrived for the

SPECIAL ORDER,

Being the naming of a candidate for the office of Senator in the Congress of the United States, in place of Hon. Julius C. Burrows, whose

term of office will expire on the 4th day of March next; and that in naming such candidate, each member will, as his name is called, arise in his place and name the candidate of his choice.

The House then proceeded by a vive voce vote to name a person for Senator in the Congress of the United States for the six years following the 4th day of March next, with the following result:

FOR JULIUS C. BURROWS.

Mr. Aldrich	Mr. Goodyear	Mr. Murdoch
Alward	Gordon	Murphy
Anderson	Gray	Nash
Baumgaertner	Gustin	Nevins
Brownell	Hall	Oberdorffer
Bryan	Hammond	Pearson
Burch	Handy	Phillips
Burdick	Hart	Randall
Burfoot	Hatzenbuehler	Read, J. H.
Buskirk	Heineman	Reed, G. W.
Caldwell	Herrig	Reed, W. A.
Carton	Hofmeister	Robinson
Chamberlain	Howell	Rulison
Chandler	Keep	Shepherd
Cheever	Kelly	Shisler
Colby	Kerr	Stewart
Collins	Kingott	Taziman
Crosby	Laflamboy	Waterbury
Davis	Locher	Watters
Dickinson	Lugers	Wayne
Doyle	Lusk	Wells
Dudley	McCall	Weter
Duff	McCallum	Wheeler
Eikhoff	McKay	Whitney
Fleischhauer	McLean	Wing
Gillam	McLeod	Wood
Gillette	Mason	Woodruff
Goodell	Moore	Speaker
Goodrich		

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FOR DANIEL J. CAMPAU.

Mr. Babcock	Mr. Pack	Mr. Stumpfenhusen
Colvin	Schmidt	Weier
Niedermeier	Scully	

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The Speaker announced that the proceedings just had would be recorded in the Journal to be presented at the joint convention of the Senate and House which will convene at 12 o'clock m. tomorrow.

Whereupon, The President pro tem of the Senate, and President ex officio of the joint convention, announced that the two houses had met in joint convention to compare the proceedings of the Senate and House of Representatives of yesterday relative to the naming of a person for

Senator in the Congress of the United States for six years from day of March next, and to ascertain if the same person had a majority of all the votes cast in each House for such office, an election had taken place.

The President *ex officio* of the joint convention then announced it appears from the records of both Houses just read in you that one hundred and twenty-three votes were cast for the officer in the Congress of the United States for the term of six years the 4th of March next. It further appears that Daniel J. Cass received thirteen votes and Julius C. Burrows received one hundred votes.

Therefore, Sixty-two votes being necessary to a choice and Burrows having received one hundred and ten votes it is appearing is now officially declared that Julius C. Burrows, having received a majority of all the votes cast yesterday severally in the two Houses (quorum being present and voting in each), is duly elected to the Senate in the Congress of the United States from the State of New York for the term of six years from and after the 4th day of March next.

On motion of Mr. Chamberlain,

The joint convention adjourned.

On motion of Mr. Dudley,

The House took a recess until 2 o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

2 o'clock

The House met and was called to order by the Speaker.

Roll called: quorum present.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

The House resumed the consideration of

House bill No. 52, entitled

A bill to amend section 2, of "An act to provide for the incorporation of associations for the purpose of constructing, owning, controlling, acquiring by lease buildings for exposition and exhibition purposes," approved February 20, 1889, as subsequently amended, by amending the 7th subdivision of section 2, and by adding a new subdivision to section 2, to stand as subdivision 8, and to add 2 new sections to said act as sections 13 and 14.

The bill having been read a third time and the question being on passage, pending the taking of the vote thereon,

Mr. Scully moved that the bill be referred to the committee on Revision of the Laws.

Which was withdrawn.

The bill was then passed, a majority of all the members electing therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Aldrich
Alward

Mr. Goodyear
Gordon

Mr. Nash
Nevins

Mr. Anderson	Mr. Gray	Mr. Oberdorffer	
Babcock	Gustin	Pack	
Baumgärtner	Hall	Pearson	
Brownell	Hammond	Pearson	
Bryan	Handy	Randall	
Burch	Hart	Read, J. H.	
Burfoot	Hatzenbuehler	Reed, W. A.	
Buskirk	Heck	Robinson	
Caldwell	Heineman	Rulison	
Carton	Herrig	Schmidt	
Chamberlain	Hofmeister	Shepherd	
Chandler	Howell	Shisler	
Cheever	Keep	Stewart	
Colby	Kelly	Stumpenhusen	
Collins	Kerr	Sutherland	
Colvin	Kingott	Taziman	
Crosby	Laflamboy	Waterbury	
Davis	Locher	Watters	
Dickinson	Lugers	Wells	
Doyle	Lusk	Weter	
Dudley	McCall	Wheeler	
Eikhoff	McCallum	Whitney	
Fleischhauer	McKay	Wing	
Gillam	McLean	Wood	
Gillette	McLeod	Woodruff	
Goodell	Moore	Speaker	
Goodrich	Murphy		86
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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Cheever,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

Mr. Dudley, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 53, entitled

A bill to provide for the appointment of a State Inspector of Apiaries, and for the suppression of foul brood among bees.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

Mr. Kelly, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 54, entitled

A bill to revise the laws relating to the incorporation of the Public Schools of the city of Muskegon.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on City Corporations.

Mr. Kelly, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 55, entitled

A bill to regulate the practice of veterinary surgery, dentistry or medicine.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Public Health.

Mr. Gordon, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 56, entitled

A bill to amend certain sections of the charter of the city of Negaunee.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on City Corporations.

Mr. Babcock, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 57, entitled

A bill to provide for the taxation of incomes.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on General Taxation.

Mr. Colvin, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 58, entitled

A bill to amend sections 13 and 14 of act 159 of public acts of 1893, entitled "An act to revise and amend the laws for the protection of game."

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Fisheries and Game.

Mr. Scully, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 59, entitled

A bill to repeal act No. 217 of the public acts of 1897, entitled "An act to provide for the registration of deaths in Michigan and requiring certificates of death."

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Public Health.

Mr. Hall, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 60, entitled

A bill to amend sections 3 and 4 of chapter 236 of Howell's annotated statutes relative to the intermarrying of first cousins.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Anderson, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

Joint resolution No. 61, entitled

Joint resolution directing the Board of State Auditors to settle claim made by George W. Crump against the State of Michigan for compensation for injuries received by him while superintending the removal of camp supplies and equipage from the military camp at Island Lake to the railroad station, on the 9th day of August, 1887.

The joint resolution was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committees on Military Affairs and Ways and Means.

Mr. Dickinson, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 62, entitled

A bill to amend section 1, chapter 1, of act 16 of the laws of 1862.

being an act for the reorganization of the military forces of the State of Michigan, compiler's section 868 of Howell's annotated statutes, approved January 18, 1862.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Dickinson, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 63, entitled

A bill for the suppression of mob violence.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.

On motion of Mr. Whitney,

Leave of absence was granted to Mr. Miller indefinitely on account of sickness.

Mr. Shepherd offered the following:

Resolved, That the committee on Supplies and Expenditures be directed to purchase for the use of the Judiciary committee Vol. 3 of Jacobs & Cheney's Michigan Digest and to subscribe for Detroit Legal News, beginning with Vol. 3.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Scully moved to take from the table the following substitute resolution:

Resolved, That the number of members on the special committee appointed to investigate the election contest of Gardner vs. Schmidt be increased to seven and that the two additional members of said committee be Albert E. Stewart and Christopher G. Babcock.

Which motion by its force, if agreed to, would bring with the substitute, the original resolution, as follows:

Resolved, That the special committee appointed to investigate the Saginaw contested election case be increased by the appointment of two additional members, by the Speaker.

Pending consideration of the motion to take the substitute from the table,

Mr. Shepherd moved that all further consideration of the subject matter of the substitute and resolution relative to increase of the committee on the Gardner-Schmidt contested election case be indefinitely postponed.

On which motion,

Mr. Carton demanded the yeas and nays.

The demand was seconded, and the motion did not prevail, by yeas and nays as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Anderson

Burdick

Burfoot

Buskirk

Caldwell

Chamberlain

Mr. Hofmeister

Keep

Kelly

Kerr

Kingott

Lafamboy

Mr. Randall

Read, J. H.

Reed, W. A.

Robinson

Rulison

Shepherd

Mr. Collins	Mr. Lugers	Mr. Shisler
Davis	Lusk	Taziman
Dudley	McCall	Wells
Fleischauer	McCallum	Weter
Gillette	McKay	Whitney
Hall	Moore	Wood
Hammond	Nash	Woodruff
Handy	Phillips	Speaker
Hart		

NAYS.

Mr. Aldrich	Mr. Gillam	Mr. Murphy
Babcock	Goodell	Nevins
Baumgärtner	Goodrich	Oberdorffer
Brownell	Goodyear	Pack
Bryan	Gordon	Schmidt
Burch	Gray	Scully
Carton	Gustin	Stewart
Chandler	Hatzenbuhler	Stumpenhu
Cheever	Heck	Sutherland
Colby	Heineman	Waterbury
Colvin	Herrig	Watters
Crosby	Howell	Wayne
Dickinson	Locher	Weier
Doyle	McLean	Wheeler
Eikhoff	McLeod	Wing

The question then being on taking the substitute resolution from the table,

Mr. Scully demanded the yeas and nays.

The demand was seconded, and

Pending the calling of the roll,

Mr. Dudley moved that there be a call of the House.

Which motion prevailed.

PROCEEDINGS UNDER THE CALL.

The roll of the House was called by the Clerk, and the following reported absent without leave:

Mr. Niedermeier.

On motion of Mr. Chamberlain,

Leave of absence was granted to Mr. Niedermeier for the day.

The question again recurring on the motion to take the substitute from the table, and the yeas and nays having been demanded,

Pending discussion,

Mr. Goodyear demanded the previous question.

The demand was seconded.

The question being shall the main question be now put,

The same was ordered.

The motion to take the resolution from the table did not then prevail by yeas and nays as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Aldrich	Mr. Gillam	Mr. Murphy
Babcock	Goodell	Nevins
Baumgärtner	Goodrich	Oberdorffer
Bryan	Goodyear	Pack
Burch	Gordon	Schmidt
Carton	Gray	Scully
Chandler	Gustin	Stewart
Cheever	Hatzenbuehler	Stumpenhusen
Colby	Heck	Sutherland
Colvin	Heineman	Waterbury
Crosby	Howell	Watters
Dickinson	Locher	Wayne
Doyle	McLean	Weier
Eikhoff	McLeod	Wheeler

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Mr. Alward	Mr. Hofmeister	Mr. Randall
Anderson	Keep	Read, J. H.
Brownell	Kelly	Reed, G. W.
Burdick	Kerr	Reed, W. A.
Burfoot	Kingott	Robinson
Buskirk	Lafamboy	Rulison
Caldwell	Lugers	Shepherd
Chamberlain	Lusk	Shisler
Collins	McCall	Taziman
Davis	McCallum	Wells
Dudley	McKay	Weter
Fleischauer	Mason	Whitney
Gillette	Moore	Wing
Hall	Nash	Wood
Hammond	Pearson	Woodruff
Handy	Phillips	Speaker
Hart		

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The Speaker announced the following:

Hon. E. J. Adams, Speaker House of Representatives:

Sir—I hereby tender my resignation as a member of the committee named to investigate the Saginaw contested election case.

Very respectfully,

F. C. CHAMBERLAIN.

The Speaker announced that the resignation would be accepted, and that Mr. Hofmeister would be appointed a member of the committee.

Mr. Howell offered the following:

Resolved, That for the purpose of counting the ballots in the Gardner-

Schmidt contested election case, the Sergeant-at-Arms, and the chairman of the special committee, be authorized to go to Saginaw and bring to the House of Representatives the election boxes in question, and the recount be made in the committee room of the special committee.

Which was not adopted.

Mr. Eikhoff offered the following:

Resolved, That the Speaker appoint a typewriter to do such typewriting as is requested by the members of the House.

Which was not adopted.

Mr. Chamberlain offered the following:

Resolved (the Senate concurring), That the Secretary of State be and hereby is instructed to present one copy of the Legislative Manual to each pastor or clergyman who has heretofore, during this session, conducted religious services at any session of the Senate or House of Representatives, or who shall hereafter during this session conduct such services before the Senate or House.

Pending the order that the resolution lie over one day under the rules,

On motion of Mr. Chamberlain,

The rules were suspended, two-thirds of all the members present voting therefor, and the resolution was put upon its immediate consideration.

The resolution was then adopted.

On motion of Mr. Schmidt,

Leave of absence was granted to himself indefinitely.

Mr. Bryan moved that when the House adjourn today it stand adjourned until 2 o'clock p. m. tomorrow.

Which motion prevailed.

Mr. Alward offered the following:

Resolved by the House (the Senate concurring), That no further printing be done upon the Michigan Manual until such time as the House and Senate has determined the number to be printed.

Laid over one day under the rules.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Being the consideration of the following:

Resolved (the Senate concurring), That when the Legislature adjourns on Monday, January 30 inst., it stand adjourned to Thursday, February 9, 1899, at 9 o'clock p. m.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution,

Mr. Chamberlain moved to amend the resolution by making the dates "Friday, January 27," and "Tuesday, February 7."

Which motion prevailed.

The question again being on the adoption of the resolution,

On motion of Mr. Kelly,

The resolution was laid on the table.

Also the following:

Whereas, It is necessary that the several committees have time to visit the several State institutions; therefore be it

Resolved by the House (the Senate concurring), That when the Legislature adjourns Friday, January 27, it adjourn to Tuesday, February 7, at 9 o'clock p. m.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution,

Mr. Kelly moved that the resolution be laid on the table.
Which motion did not prevail.
The resolution was then adopted.
The House took up the order of

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.

The Speaker announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, January 18, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House the following bill:

House bill No. 52, entitled

A bill to amend section 2, of an act entitled "An act to provide for the incorporation of associations for the purpose of constructing, owning, controlling and acquiring by lease buildings for exposition and exhibition purposes," approved February 20, 1889, as subsequently amended by amending the seventh subdivision, section 2, to stand as subdivision eighth, and to add two new sections to said act, to stand as sections 13 and 14.

In the passage of which the Senate has concurred by a majority vote of all the Senators elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect has ordered the same to take immediate effect.

Very respectfully,

CHARLES S. PIERCE,
Secretary of the Senate.

The bill was referred for enrollment and presentation to the Governor, under the rules.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, January 18, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House the following bill:

House bill No. 41, entitled

A bill to fix the per diem compensation of the members of the State Legislature from the Upper Peninsula for and during the session of 1899.

In the passage of which the Senate has concurred by a majority vote of all the Senators elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect has ordered the same to take immediate effect.

Very respectfully,

CHARLES S. PIERCE,
Secretary of the Senate.

The bill was referred for enrollment and presentation to the Governor, under the rules.

NOTICES.

Mr. Eikhoff gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A joint resolution proposing amendments to sections 1 and 20 of article 4 of the constitution of this State, and also to add three new sections thereto, to stand as sections 50, 51 and 52, relative to granting legislative power to the electors and the manner of exercising the same.

Mr. Shepherd gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend section 66 of act No. 206 of the public acts of 1893, entitled "An act to provide for the assessment of property and the levy and collection of taxes thereon, and for the collection of taxes heretofore and hereafter levied, making such taxes a lien on the lands taxed, establishing and continuing such lien, providing for the sale and conveyance of lands delinquent for taxes and for the inspection and disposition of lands bid off to the State and not redeemed or purchased, and to repeal act No. 200 of the public acts of 1891, and all other acts or parts of acts in anywise contravening any of the provisions of this act," approved June 1, 1893, as amended by act No. 162 of the public acts of 1895, approved May 18, 1895.

Mr. Oberdorffer gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to provide for the location, establishment and maintenance of a State agricultural and horticultural experiment station in the upper peninsula and to make an appropriation therefor.

Mr. Bryan moved that the House adjourn.

Which motion prevailed, and

The Speaker declared the House adjourned until 2 o'clock p. m. tomorrow.

REPRESENTATIVE HALL, LANSING,

Thursday, January 19, 1899.

The House met pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Allen.

Roll called: quorum present.

Absent without leave: Messrs. Baumgaertner, Doyle, Niedermeier and Woodruff.

On motion of Mr. Robinson,

Leave of absence was granted to Mr. Doyle until Monday next.

On motion of Mr. Burfoot,

Leave of absence was granted to Mr. Woodruff indefinitely on account of sickness.

On motion of Mr. Dickinson,

Leave of absence was granted to himself until Tuesday next.

On motion of Mr. McLeod,

Leave of absence was granted to himself until Tuesday next.

On motion of Mr. Burch,

Leave of absence was granted to himself until Tuesday next.

On motion of Mr. Moore,

Leave of absence was granted to himself until Tuesday next.

On motion of Mr. Shisler,

Leave of absence was granted to himself for tomorrow.

On motion of Mr. Wing,
Leave of absence was granted to himself for tomorrow.
On motion of Mr. Heineman,
Leave of absence was granted to himself for tomorrow.
On motion of Mr. Colvin,
Leave of absence was granted to himself for tomorrow.

The Speaker announced the following:

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—Pursuant to resolution authorizing me to do so, I have appointed Samuel Moore, of Wayne county, Fourth Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms.

W. F. SHEPHERD,
Sergeant-at-Arms.

Dated January 18, 1899.

John H. Banninga, Financial Clerk, and Samuel Moore, Fourth Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms, appeared at the Speaker's desk, took and subscribed the constitutional oath of office, and entered on their duties.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS.

No. 8. By Mr. Chandler: Petition of fishermen and citizens for a close season on Sault Ste. Marie river, etc.

Referred to the committee on Fisheries and Game.

No. 9. By Mr. Burdick: Petition to Charlevoix county's representative to secure the repeal of the closed season law for whitefish and trout fishing in the great lakes, adjacent to the State of Michigan.

Referred to the committee on Fisheries and Game.

No. 10. By Mr. Taziman: Resolutions of the Board of Supervisors of Livingston county relative to amendments to the drain law.

On demand of Mr. Taziman,

The resolutions were read at length and spread at large on the Journal as follows:

Whereas, It is the opinion of the majority of the people of Livingston county, as we believe, that there are several defects in the present drain laws of the State of Michigan, which work to the disadvantage of the citizens of our State; that

Whereas, We believe that the said drain laws should be changed and modified in a great many respects, among which are the following:

(a) That no petition for a drain should be accepted by a drain commissioner until at least one-half of the owners of the property, through whose land the drain shall be constructed, shall have signed said petition praying for said drain.

(b) That the jury or special commissioners appointed by the probate court to determine the necessity for said drain and to appraise the damage thereof, should be paid out of the contingent fund of the county.

(c) That a board consisting of Drain Commissioner, Highway Commissioner and the justice who would not be liable to be on the board of appeal make the assessment of said drain through the towns which the same traverse.

(d) That a part of the drainage law abolishing the office of Township Drain Commissioners and transferring the drains which were formerly

within his jurisdiction to the County Drain Commissioner should be repealed and the old law pertaining to that matter reenacted.

(e) That the Board of Supervisors instead of the board provided in the present law, should be the tribunal which should audit and allow all claims and expenses of the Drain Commissioner for personal services; therefore be it

Resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Livingston county, That we do hereby petition and request our Representatives and Senate to use their influence to bring about such legislation as will remedy the said law to the best interest of the people of the State. Carried.

On motion of Mr. Miner the Clerk was instructed to send a certified copy of this resolution to our Representative and Senator.

Amendment:

Mr. Gordon offered the following amendment to the resolution offered by Mr. Miner.

I move you that we amend the resolution in regard to drain law by giving the Drain Commissioner the power to put in any piece of property which has been overlooked in making said assessment. Carried.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, }
COUNTY OF LIVINGSTON, } ss.

I, Willis L. Lyons, Clerk of said county of Livingston, and Clerk of the circuit court for said county, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing copy of the original record of the resolution of the Board of Supervisors in regard to the drain law with the original record thereof, now remaining in my office, and that it is a true and correct transcript therefrom, and of the whole of such original record.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and affixed the seal of said court and county, this 18th day of January, A. D. 1899.

WILLIS L. LYONS,

[Seal]

Clerk.

Referred to the committee on Drainage.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

By the committee on Military Affairs:

The committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred

House bill No. 23, entitled

A bill to provide for the rental of the armories of the Michigan National Guards.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, without amendment and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

O. C. PHILLIPS,

Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

Pending the order that the bill be printed, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order,

On motion of Mr. Phillips,

The rules were suspended, two-thirds of all the members present voting therefor, and the bill was put upon its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Aldrich	Mr. Hall	Mr. Nevins
Alward	Hammond	Oberdorffer
Babcock	Handy	Pack
Bryan	Hart	Pearson
Burch	Hatzenbuehler	Phillips
Burdick	Heck	Randall
Burfoot	Heineman	Read, J. H.
Buskirk	Herrig	Reed, W. A.
Caldwell	Howell	Reed, W. A.
Carton	Keep	Robinson
Chamberlain	Kelly	Rulison
Chandler	Kerr	Shepherd
Cheever	Kingott	Shisler
Colby	Lafamboy	Stewart
Collins	Loscher	Stumpenhusen
Orosby	Lugers	Sutherland
Davis	Lusk	Taziman
Dickinson	McCall	Waterbury
Dudley	McCallum	Watters
Eikhoff	McKay	Wayne
Fleischhauer	McLean	Wells
Gillam	McLeod	Weter
Gillette	Mason	Wheeler
Goodell	Moore	Whitney
Goodrich	Murdoch	Wing
Goodyear	Murphy	Wood
Gordon	Nash	Speaker
Gray		

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The question being on agreeing to the title,
Mr. Phillips moved to amend the title by striking out the word "support" and inserting the word "rental" in lieu thereof.

Which motion prevailed.

The title as amended was then agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Phillips,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

By the committee on Roads and Bridges:

The committee on Roads and Bridges, to whom was referred

House bill No. 38, entitled

A bill to amend sections 41 and 47 of act No. 155 of the session laws of 1851, approved April 8, 1851, entitled "An act to provide for the forma-

tion of companies to construct plank roads," being sections 3636 and 3642 of volume 1 of Howell's annotated statutes of the State of Michigan.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, without amendment and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

S. C. GOODYEAR,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on Public Lands:

The committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred

House bill No. 32, entitled

A bill to authorize and direct the Commissioner of the State Land Office of this State to issue a patent to James O. and Cora A. Furguson, for the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of section sixteen (16), in township No. three (3) south, of range No. four (4) west, confirming the title thereto in James O. and Cora A. Furguson.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, without amendment and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

E. P. KEEP,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

Pending the order that the bill be printed, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order,

On motion of Mr. Keep,

The rules were suspended, two-thirds of all the members present voting therefor, and the bill was put upon its immediate passage.

The bill having been read a third time and the question being upon its passage, pending the taking of the vote thereon,

Mr. Shepherd moved to amend the bill by inserting after the words "James O." wherever they occur in the bill, the word "Furguson."

Which motion prevailed.

The bill was then passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Aldrich
Alward
Babcock
Brownell
Bryan
Burch
Burdick
Burfoot
Buskirk
Caldwell

Mr. Hammond
Handy
Hart
Hatzenbuhler
Heck
Heinemen
Herrig
Howell
Kee
Kelly

Mr. Oberdorffer
Pack
Pearson
Phillips
Randall
Read, J. H.
Reed, G. W.
Reed, W. A.
Robinson
Rulison

Mr. Carton	Mr. Kerr	Mr. Shepherd	
Chamberlain	Kingott	Shisler	
Chandler	Laflamboy	Stewart	
Cheever	Locher	Stumpenhusen	
Colby	Lugers	Sutherland	
Crosby	Lusk	Taziman	
Dudley	McCall	Waterbury	
Eikhoff	McCallum	Watters	
Fleischhauer	McKay	Wayne	
Gillam	McLean	Wells	
Gillette	McLeod	Weter	
Goodell	Mason	Wheeler	
Goodrich	Moore	Whitney	
Goodyear	Murdoch	Wing	
Gordon	Murphy	Wood	
Gray	Nash	Speaker	
Hall	Nevins		80

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The question being on agreeing to the title,
Mr. Shepherd moved to amend the title by inserting after the words
"James O." the word "Ferguson."

Which motion prevailed.

The title as amended was then agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Keep,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to
take immediate effect.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

By the special committee on Mileage:

The special committee on Mileage of Members and Employees of the
House respectfully submit the following supplementary report:

W. A. Reed, member from Jackson, 28 miles additional.

Samuel Moore, Fourth Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms, 176 miles.

KELLY,

GILLAM,

M'LEAN,

Committee.

Report accepted.

The question being on the adoption of the report,

The report was adopted.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR.

The Speaker announced the following:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Lansing, January 18, 1899.

To the Honorable, the House of Representatives:

It is a matter of history, familiar to all, that Michigan is one of the
few states in the Union from which volunteer soldiers were sent to Cuba

during the recent war with Spain. In my inaugural message, I called your attention to the fact that Michigan was the only State in the Union that had two regiments in the battle of Santiago. These two were the 33d and 34th regiments of Michigan Volunteer Infantry.

The total number of volunteers who died in Cuba is 59. Of these, 23 belonged to the 33d regiment and 36 to the 34th regiment. The following is a statement showing the number of volunteers who died in Cuba belonging to each company and the home town of each company:

Co.	Regt.	Location.	No.	Total.
A	33	Flint.....	2	..
B	33	Alpena.....	1	..
C	33	Bay City.....	4	..
D	33	Saginaw, W. S.....	3	..
F	33	Port Huron.....	2	..
G	33	Owosso.....	2	..
H	33	Cheboygan.....	2	..
K	33	Three Rivers.....	2	..
L	33	State at Large.....	5	23
	34	(Field and Staff).....	2	..
B	34	Manistee.....	1	..
D	34	Calumet.....	10	..
E	34	Iron Mountain.....	4	..
F	34	Houghton.....	1	..
H	34	Ironwood.....	4	..
I	34	Ionia.....	3	..
K	34	Mt. Clemens and Allegan.....	1	..
L	34	Marquette.....	6	..
M	34	Traverse City.....	4	36
Total in both regiments.....				59

The total number of volunteers who died in the United States at camps and in hospitals, but not within the State of Michigan, is 84. The following is a statement showing the number of these in each Michigan regiment:

31st.....	12
32d.....	13
33d.....	21
34th.....	24
35th.....	14

There are a number of soldiers belonging to the United States Infantry, the 19th regiment in particular, who are natives of Michigan, and who died in Porto Rico. A large percentage of the enlisted men in this regiment are citizens of Michigan.

All, or nearly all of these Michigan soldiers, are buried either in Cuba, Porto Rico or in the United States outside the State of Michigan. It has occurred to me that it is not only fitting, but that it is the duty of the State of Michigan to see that the earthly remains of these gallant men be returned to their homes, their families and their relatives, and be given proper burial.

Desiring to know what expenses, incurred in the performance of this

service the United States Government would pay, I wired the Hon. R. A. Alger, Secretary of War, as follows:

"It is proposed to send a representative of the State of Michigan to Cuba to identify, exhume, and ship bodies of Michigan soldiers to their homes. What expenses connected with this work will United States Government pay? Will it pay expenses of exhuming, preparing for shipment, caskets, and transportation to home of each soldier? Will it pay transportation and expenses of representative of Michigan? What other expenses will it pay?"

I received Secretary Alger's reply today and he informs me that the Government will provide transportation for Michigan representative and will furnish sealed caskets and defray all expenses connected with exhuming bodies and sending them to the homes of relatives. I understand also that the Government will assist in the payment of the services of Michigan's representative, and that it will contribute the sum of \$35 for the burial expenses in each case at the home of the deceased soldier.

I therefore, earnestly recommend that the Legislature of Michigan authorize the appointment of an agent or representative of this State whose duty it shall be to go to Cuba and Porto Rico and to places in the United States, outside of Michigan, where soldiers who were citizens of Michigan, whether regulars or volunteers, are buried, and attend to the exhuming of their remains and to their transportation to their relatives, to be given suitable burial. I further recommend that the Legislature appropriate such sum of money as will be sufficient to pay the expenses of the proper prosecution of this work which is not paid by the United States Government. I am of the opinion that such a representative should be selected from either the 33d or 34th regiment, which served in Cuba.

Yours respectfully,

H. S. PINGREE,

Governor.

The message was laid on the table.

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.

The Speaker announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER.

Lansing, January 19, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed by the Senate to transmit to the House the following bill:

Senate bill No. 26, entitled

A bill to authorize the Board of Supervisors of the county of Midland, to issue bonds of said county for the purpose of funding and paying the bonded and other indebtedness of said county and to legalize the action of the Board of Supervisors in directing the issue of funding bonds of said county to the amount of \$29,577.10.

Which has passed the Senate by a majority vote of all the Senators elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect has been or-

dered to take immediate effect, and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,
CHARLES S. PIERCE,
 Secretary of the Senate.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Wayne,

The rules were suspended, two-thirds of all the members present voting therefor, and the bill was put upon its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Alward	Mr. Handy	Mr. Pack
Babcock	Hatzenbuhler	Pearson
Brownell	Heck	Phillips
Bryan	Heineman	Randall
Burch	Herrig	Read, J. H.
Burdick	Howell	Reed, G. W.
Burfoot	Keep	Reed, W. A.
Buskirk	Kelly	Robinson
Caldwell	Kerr	Rulison
Carton	Kingott	Shepherd
Chamberlain	Laflamboy	Shisler
Chandled	Locher	Stewart
Cheever	Lugers	Stumpenhusen
Colby	Lusk	Sutherland
Collins	McCall	Taziman
Colvin	McCallum	Waterbury
Davis	McKay	Watters
Dudley	McLean	Wayne
Eikhoff	McLeod	Wells
Gillam	Mason	Weter
Gillette	Moore	Wheeler
Goodrich	Murdoch	Whitney
Gordon	Murphy	Wing
Gray	Nash	Wood
Hall	Nevins	Speaker
Hammond	Oberdorffer	

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Wayne,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

The Speaker called the Speaker pro tem to the chair.

NOTICES.

Mr. Wheeler gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to give cost and compensation to innocent persons charged with, or convicted of crime.

Mr. Heck gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to provide for the sale of the old State office building and the lots upon which said building is located at Lansing, and for the location and erection of a new building to be used for a State armory and for military purposes, State museum, and for State office purposes, at Lansing.

Mr. Goodyear gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend section 13 of act 159 of public acts of 1897, entitled "An act to revise and amend the laws for the protection of game."

Mr. Chamberlain gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to provide for the temporary relief and assistance of indigent, sick ex-members of Michigan's quota in the late Hispano-American war.

Mr. Crosby gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend the title to act No. 266 of the public acts of 1895, being an act entitled "An act relative to bonds and other obligations with surety or sureties, and the acceptance as surety thereon, of companies qualified to act as such and the release of such surety, and the safe depositing of assets for which such surety may be liable, and to the charging by fiduciaries of the expense of procuring sureties, and repeal all laws in conflict therewith," and to amend section 8 of said act.

Mr. Crosby gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend the title to act No. 266 of the public acts of 1895, being an act entitled "An act relative to bonds and other obligations with surety or sureties, and the acceptance as surety thereon, of companies qualified to act as such, and the release of such surety, and the safe depositing of assets for which such surety may be liable, and to the charging by judiciaries of the expense of procuring sureties, and repeal all laws in conflict therewith," and to amend section 8 of said act.

Mr. Chamberlain gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend act No. 60 of the public acts of 1887, being compiler's section 750 of Howell's annotated statutes, relative to raising money by township boards.

Mr. Chamberlain gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to provide a system of free text books in the public schools of this State.

Mr. Kelly gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to provide for extra compensation to the Michigan volunteers in the late war with Spain.

Mr. Alward gave notice that at some future day he would ask to introduce

A bill to provide for the publication and distribution of the Manual, and to repeal act 263 of the public acts of 1879, as amended by act 79 of the public acts of 1887, as amended by act 20 of the acts of 1889.

Mr. Lusk gave notice that at some future day he would ask to introduce

A bill to amend the charter of the city of West Bay City.

Mr. Oberdorffer gave notice that at some future day he would ask to introduce

A bill to amend section 9 of act No. 198 of the session laws of 1887, being an act entitled "An act to revise the laws providing for the incorporation of railroad companies and to regulate the running and management and to fix the duties and liabilities of all railroad and other corporations owning or operating any railroad in this State," as amended by act 177 of the session laws of 1877, and act 202 of the public acts of 1887, and act 90 of the public acts of 1891, being section 3323 of the annotated statutes, so as to provide for a reduction of fares in the peninsula.

Mr. Herrig gave notice that at some future day he would ask to introduce

A bill to protect game and fish in Saginaw and Bay counties.

Mr. Kelly gave notice that at some future day he would ask to introduce

A bill to authorize the consolidation of street railway, electric and gaslight companies.

Mr. Hall gave notice that at some future day he would ask to introduce

A bill to provide for the selection, purchase and distribution of uniformity of school text-books.

Mr. Herrig gave notice that at some future day he would ask to introduce

A bill to require the labeling of all gasoline, benzine and naphtha at retail, and to repeal act No. 146, laws of 1889.

Mr. Taziman gave notice that at some future day he would ask to introduce

A bill to amend the drain law.

Mr. McCallum gave notice that at some future day he would ask to introduce

A bill to amend section 4 of act No. 129 of the public acts of 1887, titled "An act for the organization of telephone and messenger companies," approved May 31, 1883, being section 6691 of the code laws of 1897.

Mr. Goodrich gave notice that at some future day he would ask to introduce

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to section 12, of article of the constitution of this State relative to libraries.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

Mr. Heineman, unanimous consent being given, introduced House joint resolution No. 64, entitled

Joint resolution to provide for the appointment of a representative of the State of Michigan to attend to exhuming of bodies of Michigan soldiers in Cuba, Porto Rico and in the United States outside of Michigan, and to transporting to and burying them at their homes, and for the payment of the compensation of such representative and the expense attendant thereon.

The joint resolution was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Heineman,

The rules were suspended, two-thirds of all the members present voting therefor, and the joint resolution was put upon its immediate passage.

The joint resolution was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Alward	Mr. Gray	Mr. Nevins
Alward	Hall	Oberdorffer
Babcock	Hammond	Pack
Brownell	Handy	Pearson
Bryan	Hart	Phillips
Burch	Hatzenbuhler	Randall
Burdick	Heck	Read, J. H.
Burfoot	Heineman	Reed, G. W.
Buskirk	Herrig	Reed, W. A.
Caldwell	Howell	Robinson
Carton	Keep	Rulison
Chamberlain	Kelly	Shepherd
Chandler	Kerr	Shisler
Cheever	Kingott	Stewart
Colby	Iaflomboy	Stumpenhusen
Collins	Locher	Sutherland
Colvin	Lugers	Taziman
Davis	McCall	Waterbury
Dickinson	McCallum	Watters
Dudley	McKay	Wayne
Eikhoff	McLean	Wells
Fleischhauer	McLeod	Weter
Gillam	Mason	Wheeler
Gillette	Moore	Whitney
Goodell	Murdoch	Wing
Goodrich	Murphy	Wood
Goodyear	Nash	Speaker
Gordon		

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Heineman,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the joint resolution was ordered to take immediate effect.

Mr. Dickinson, previous notice having been given and leave granted, introduced

House bill No. 65, entitled

A bill to amend chapter 7 of an act entitled "An act to provide a charter for the city of Detroit and to repeal all acts and parts of acts in conflict therewith," approved June 7, 1883.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on City Corporations.

Mr. Bulison, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 66, entitled

A bill to authorize school district No. 1 of the township of Port Huron, in the county of Houghton, to borrow money and issue bonds therefor for the erection and furnishing of a school building in said district.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Education.

Mr. Kelly, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 67, entitled

A bill to amend sections 3, 5 and 8 of act No. 147 of the public acts of 1891, entitled "An act to provide for the election of a County Commissioner of schools, for the appointment of school examiners and to fix the duties and fix the compensation for the same," and to repeal all acts or parts of acts conflicting with the provisions of this act, the same being sections 4810, 4812 and 4815 of the compiled laws of 1897.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Education.

Mr. Colvin, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 68, entitled

A bill to provide for the protection of the health, lives and interests of the coal miners of Michigan, and to provide for the inspection of all mines of this State.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Labor.

Mr. Crosby, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 69, entitled

A bill to provide for the purchase of books and equipments for the Michigan State library, and the Michigan traveling library.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on State Library.

Mr. Shepherd, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 70, entitled

A bill to amend section 66 of act number 206 of the public acts of 1891, entitled "An act to provide for the assessment of property and the collection of taxes thereon, and for the collection of taxes heretofore and hereafter levied, making such taxes a lien on the lands to which they are levied, establishing and continuing such lien, providing for the sale and conveyance of lands delinquent for taxes, and for the inspection and disposition of lands bid off to the State and not redeemed or purchased, and

repeal act number 200 of the public acts of 1891, and all other acts and parts of acts in anywise contravening any of the provisions of this act," approved June 1, 1893, as amended by act number 162 of the public acts of 1895, approved May 18, 1895.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Carton, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 71, entitled

A bill to amend sections 140 and 141 of act No. 240 of the public acts of 1893, being "An act to provide for the assessment of property and the levy and collection of taxes thereon, and for the collection of taxes heretofore and hereafter levied; making such taxes a lien on the lands taxed, establishing and continuing such lien, providing for the sale and conveyance of lands delinquent for taxes and for the inspection and disposition of lands bid off to the State and not redeemed or purchased, and to repeal act No. 200 of the public acts of 1892, and all other acts and parts of acts in anywise contravening any of the provisions of this act," as amended by act No. 229 of the public acts of 1897, entitled "An act to amend act No. 206 of the public acts of 1893, being 'An act to provide for the assessment of property and the levy and collection of taxes thereon and for the collection of taxes heretofore and hereafter levied; making such taxes a lien on the lands taxed, establishing and continuing such lien, providing for the sale and conveyance of lands delinquent for taxes and for the inspection and disposition of lands bid off to the State and not redeemed or purchased, and to repeal act No. 200 of the public acts of 1891, and all other acts and parts of acts in anywise contravening any of the provisions of this act,'" by adding thereto four sections, to be known as sections 140, 141, 142 and 143, providing for the giving of notice by tax purchasers to the occupants or persons having title to or interest in such lands, of the fact of such sale; and providing the terms upon which such occupant or other person interested in any such lands may obtain reconveyance thereof."

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on General Taxation.

Mr. Gillam, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House joint resolution No. 72, entitled

A joint resolution authorizing the issue of a patent for certain State swamp lands in Ogemaw county, to Milton Adams.

The joint resolution was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Goodell, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 73, entitled

A bill to protect the lives and property of persons at the crossing of electric railroads and public highways within the State of Michigan.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Railroads.

Mr. Oberdorffer, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 74, entitled

A bill to amend section 3, of act 151, of the session laws of 1897, entitled "An act to regulate the catching of fish in the waters of this State by the use of pound or trap nets, gill nets, seines and other apparatus."

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Fisheries and Game.

Mr. Howell, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 75, entitled

A bill to preserve the health of the National Guard by prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors on the grounds or in any building under the control of the National Guard and by limiting the military duties on the first day of the week.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Public Health.

Mr. Davis, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 76, entitled

A bill to define and restrict the validity of assignments and mortgages of indebtedness as against garnishment proceedings in all courts.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Davis, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 77, entitled

A bill for the organization of corporate Methodist Episcopal churches.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Religious and Benevolent Societies.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Wayne moved that a respectful message be sent to the Senate, asking the return to the House of

Senate bill No. 14, entitled

A bill to enable the county of Midland to borrow money, issue its bonds therefor and to confirm the action of the Board of Supervisors in relation thereto.

Which motion prevailed.

Mr. Kelly moved to discharge the committee on Public Health from the further consideration of

House bill No. 55, entitled

A bill to regulate the practice of veterinary surgery, dentistry and medicine.

Which motion prevailed.

By committee on Public Health:

The committee on Public Health, to whom was referred

House bill No. 38, entitled

A bill to regulate the practice of veterinary surgery, dentistry or medicine.

Respectfully report the same back to the House, in accordance with its instructions and ask to be discharged from further consideration of the subject.

L. A. GOODRICH,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Kelly,

The bill was referred to the committee on State Affairs.

The Speaker resumed the chair.

Mr. Chamberlain rose to a question of personal privilege in that it has been stated by sundry members of the House and also by the Grand Rapids Democrat of this date in its Lansing department, that I was forced to resign from the committee appointed to investigate the Saginaw contested election case. I desire to state that such statements are erroneous and without foundation in fact.

I desire to state that as early as last Monday I informed the Speaker of this House that owing to personal reasons with which neither the Legislature nor any of its members had to do I desired to resign my position upon that committee, and no action by either the House or any member or committee thereof had any or the least bearing upon my act of resigning from the committee in question, my reasons for resigning being entirely of personal character.

Mr. Chamberlain offered the following:

Resolved, That the thanks of the members of the House be and are hereby tendered to Hon. H. R. Pattengill, ex-Superintendent of Public Instruction, and Editor of the School Moderator, one of the very best publications of its kind, for his kindness in volunteering to send gratuitously a copy of the Moderator to each member during the legislative session.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Stewart offered the following:

Whereas, An esteemed member of this House has been misrepresented by a newspaper; and

Whereas, Other and similarly valued members may suffer in the same way; therefore

Resolved, That a censor be appointed by the Speaker to see that no matter distasteful to the members be published.

Which,

On motion of Mr. Burch,

Was laid on the table.

Mr. Shisler moved that when the House adjourns tomorrow, it stand adjourned until 8 o'clock on Monday evening.

Mr. Cheever moved to amend the motion by making the hour for convening, 9 o'clock, instead of 8 o'clock.

Which motion prevailed.

The motion, as amended, then prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Wayne,

Leave of absence was granted to himself for tomorrow.

On motion of Mr. Kelly,

Leave of absence was granted to himself indefinitely.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Being the consideration of the following:

Resolved by the House (the Senate concurring), That no further printing be done upon the Michigan Manual until such time as the House and Senate have determined the number to be printed.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution,
The resolution was adopted.
On motion of Mr. Heineman,
The House adjourned.

{ REPRESENTATIVE HALL, LANSING,
{ Friday, January 20, 1899.

The House met pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Allen.

Roll called: quorum present.

Absent without leave: Messrs. Baumgaertner, Niedermeier, Sutherland and Woodruff.

On motion of Mr. Collins,

Leave of absence was granted to all absentees for the day.

BILLS PRESENTED TO THE GOVERNOR.

By the Clerk:

I have to report that I have this day enrolled, compared and presented to the Governor,

House joint resolution No. 1, entitled

Joint resolution relative to the binding of the Compiled Laws of 1897.

In accordance with the rules and order of the House: the receipt for the same being dated 11:46 a. m., January 17, 1899.

LEWIS M. MILLER,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

By the Clerk:

I have to report that I have this day enrolled, compared and presented to the Governor,

House bill No. 2, entitled

An act to legalize the assessment roll for the township of Polkton, Ottawa county, Michigan, for the year 1898.

In accordance with the rules and order of the House: the receipt for the same being dated 11:46 a. m., January 17, 1899.

LEWIS M. MILLER,

Clerk of the House.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS.

No. 11. By Mr. J. H. Reed: Petition of Board of Supervisors of Manistee county.

On demand of Mr. J. H. Reed,

The petition was read at length and spread at large on the Journal, as follows:

To the House of Representatives, State of Michigan:

Persons are often declared insane, and no room found for them in the State institutions, thereby making it necessary for them to be confined in the Manistee county jail, a place wholly unfit for such persons and detrimental in a high degree to the other prisoners confined in the

jail. And whereas we are informed upon good authority that a similar state of affairs exists in many other counties of the State, therefore we, the undersigned, the Board of Supervisors of Manistee county, do earnestly petition that accommodations be provided for such insane persons, either by building additions to the State institutions already in existence, or by constructing a new building for such insane persons.

The aforesaid petition being adopted in open meeting of said Board of Supervisors of Manistee county on the 5th day of January, 1899.

JOHN D. THORP,
Chairman.

ALBERT ERICKSON,
Clerk

Referred to the joint committees on Insane Asylums.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

By the committee on Horticulture:

The committee on Horticulture to whom was referred
House bill No. 34, entitled

A bill to provide for the incorporation of associations to promote the business of growing, handling, storing and selling fruit.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration and have directed me to request of the House that one thousand copies of the bill be printed for the use of the committee.

E. BROWNELL,
Chairman.

Report accepted.

The question being on the ordering the bill printed for the use of the committee,

The House so ordered.

By the committee on Rules and Joint Rules:

The committee on Rules and Joint Rules having had under consideration the matter of necessary and expert assistance in the proof room, in order to hasten the work when the circumstances are such as to require haste, beg leave to report to the House the following new rule, to stand as Rule 10f:

Rule 10f. The Clerk may employ such assistance in the work of the proof room as the necessity for expedition of the work from time to time may require, and not otherwise; and such assistance shall be only that of trained and expert readers of printers' proof.

And respectfully recommend that the same be adopted and made a part of the standing rules of the House.

GEO. E. GILLAM,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The question being on the adoption of the report,

The report was adopted, two-thirds of the members elect voting therefor.

By the committee on Revision and Amendment of the Statutes:

The committee on Revision and Amendment of the Statutes, to whom

was referred the message of His Excellency, the Governor, for pose of a proper distribution of the various recommendations c therein to the proper standing committees of the House, report lows:

That portion of the message referring to the different State tions be referred to the standing committees of said institution

That part of the message pertaining to insurance be referred committee on Insurance.

That part of the message pertaining to building and loan assoc be referred to the committee on Private Corporations.

That part of the message pertaining to railroads be referred committee on Railroads.

That part of the message pertaining to taxation, except income be referred to the special committee, to whom was referred the son bill;" that part of the message pertaining to income tax be to the committee on General Taxation.

That part of the message pertaining to franchise grabbing be to the committee on City Corporations.

That part of the message pertaining to trusts and combines referred to the committee on Federal Relations.

That part of the message pertaining to imperialism, expansion a sal colonies be referred to the committee on Federal Relations.

That part of the message pertaining to government ownership roads be referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

That part of the message pertaining to fish propagation be referred the committee on Fisheries and Game.

That part of the message pertaining to criminal law be referred committee on Ways and Means.

That part of the message pertaining to eight-hour law be referred the committee on Labor.

That part of the message pertaining to primary election be referred the committee on Elections.

That part of the message pertaining to members of state board elected or appointed, and retiring at the same time be referred committee on State Affairs.

That part of the message pertaining to tax titles be referred committee on General Taxation.

That part of the message pertaining to opinions of supreme judges upon constitutional and other questions of law be referred Judiciary committee.

That part of the message pertaining to statistics of state, cha penal and reformatory institutions be referred to the committee on and Means.

That part of the message pertaining to Michigan in the War be referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

That part of the message pertaining to Michigan State Naval I to the committee on Ways and Means.

That part of the message pertaining to State Fire Warden be referred to the committee on Public Lands.

That part of the message pertaining to women members of a boards of state institutions to committee on State Affairs.

And ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

JOHN J. CARTON,

Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The question being on the adoption of the report,

The report was adopted.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR.

The Speaker announced the following:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Lansing, January 17, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I have this day approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State, House bill No. 2, being

An act to legalize the assessment roll for the township of Polkton, Ottawa county, Michigan, for the year 1898.

Respectfully,

H. S. PINGREE,
Governor.

The message was laid on the table.

The Speaker also announced the following:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Lansing, January 17, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I have this day approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State, House joint resolution No. 1, being

A joint resolution relative to the binding of the compiled laws of 1897.

Very respectfully,

H. S. PINGREE,
Governor.

The message was laid on the table.

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.

The Speaker announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, January 19, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed by the Senate to retransmit to the House the following bill, in accordance with the request of the House therefor:

Senate bill No. 14, entitled

A bill to enable the county of Midland to borrow money, issue its bonds therefor, and to confirm the action of the Board of Supervisors in relation thereto.

Very respectfully,

CHARLES S. PIERCE,
Secretary of the Senate.

Mr. Howell moved to reconsider the vote by which the House passed the bill.

Which motion prevailed.
The question being on the passage of the bill,
On motion of Mr. Howell,
The bill was laid on the table.
The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, January 19, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House the following joint resolution:

Joint resolution No. 64, entitled

Joint resolution to provide for the appointment of a representative of the State of Michigan to attend to the exhuming of bodies of Michigan soldiers in Cuba, Porto Rico and in the United States outside of Michigan, and to transporting to and burying them at their homes, and for the payment of the compensation of such representative and the expense attendant thereon.

In the passage of which the Senate has concurred by a majority vote of all the Senators elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect has ordered the same to take immediate effect.

Very respectfully,

CHARLES S. PIERCE,

Secretary of the Senate.

The joint resolution was referred for enrollment and presentation to the Governor under the rules.

NOTICES.

Mr. Chandler gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to provide for two voting precincts in the township of Sault Ste. Marie in the county of Chippewa, and the conduct of elections thereat.

Mr. Brownell gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to authorize the Prosecuting Attorney for the county of Lapeer to appoint an Assistant Prosecuting Attorney and to prescribe his duties, powers and compensation.

Mr. Brownell gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend act No. 428 of the local acts of the year 1897, being an act entitled "An act providing for the appointment, fixing the compensation and defining the duties of stenographer for the probate court for the county of Lapeer, and for the taking and transcribing of testimony on examination of persons charged with criminal offenses in the county of Lapeer." approved May 7, 1897.

Mr. Howell gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A joint resolution to amend article 7, section 1, of the constitution of the State of Michigan relative to elections.

Mr. Goodell gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to provide for the nomination and election of a Sheriff for Wayne county.

Mr. Gray gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend section 4 of chapter 1, sections 22 and 23 of chapter 3, and section 11 of chapter 4 of act No. 164 of public acts of 1881, as amended, entitled "An act to revise and consolidate the laws relating to public instruction and primary schools and to repeal all statutes and acts contravening the provisions of this act," being sections 5029, 5074, 5075, 5088 of Howell's annotated statutes, and relating to the apportionment of the primary school fund.

Mr. Hammond gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to provide for the erection of two detached buildings for patients, for the purchase of furniture for the same, for enlargement of the bakery and for additional water supply, at the Eastern Michigan Asylum, and making appropriations for the same.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

Mr. Alward, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 78, entitled

A bill to provide for the publication and distribution of the Michigan Manual, and to repeal act number 263 of the public acts of 1879, entitled "An act to provide for the preparation, publication and distribution of the Legislative Manual," approved May 31, 1879, as amended by act number 79 of the public acts of 1887, as amended by act number 20 of the public acts of 1889.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and

Pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Alward,

The rules were suspended and the bill was placed upon its immediate consideration.

Pending the third reading of the bill,

Mr. Chamberlain moved that the bill be referred to the appropriate standing committee.

Which motion prevailed.

The bill was then referred to the committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Kelly, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 79, entitled

A bill to authorize the consolidation of street railway, electric light and gaslight companies.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Private Corporations.

Mr. Chamberlain, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 80, entitled

A bill to amend act No. 60 of the session laws of 1887, being compiler's section 750 of Howell's annotated statutes relative to raising money by township boards.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Revision and Amendment of the Statutes.

Mr. Nevins, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 81, entitled

A bill to amend section 2 of "An act to authorize proceedings against garnishees and for other purposes," being act No. 137 of public acts of 1849.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Brownell, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 82, entitled

A bill to authorize the Prosecuting Attorney for the county of Lapeer to appoint an Assistant Prosecuting Attorney and to prescribe his duties, powers and compensation.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Brownell,

The rules were suspended, two-thirds of all the members present voting therefor, and the bill was put upon its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Alward	Mr. Gray	Mr. Nevins
Babcock	Hammond	Oberdorffer
Brownell	Hart	Pack
Bryan	Hatzenbuehler	Pearson
Burdick	Heck	Randall
Buskirk	Heineman	Read, J. H.
Caldwell	Herrig	Reed, G. W.
Carton	Howell	Reed, W. A.
Chamberlain	Keep	Robinson
Chandler	Kerr	Rulison
Cheever	Kingott	Shepherd
Collins	Locher	Shisler
Colvin	Lugers	Stumpenhusen
Crosby	Lusk	Taziman
Davis	McCall	Waterbury
Dudley	McCallum	Watters
Duff	McKay	Wells
Gillam	McLean	Weter
Gillette	Mason	Wheeler
Goodell	Murdoch	Whitney
Goodrich	Murphy	Wood
Goodyear	Nash	Speaker
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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Brownell,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

Mr. Brownell, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 83, entitled

A bill to amend act No. 428 of the local acts of the year 1897, being an act entitled "An act providing for the appointment, fixing the compensation and defining the duties of stenographer for the probate court for the county of Lapeer, and for the taking and transcribing of testimony on examination of persons charged with criminal offenses in the county of Lapeer," approved May 7, 1897.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and pending its reference to a committee,

Mr. Brownell moved that the rules be suspended and that the bill be put upon its immediate consideration.

Which motion did not prevail, two-thirds of the members present not voting therefor.

The bill was then referred to the committee on Judiciary.

Mr. McLean, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 84, entitled

A bill to establish a Board of County Auditors for the county of Bay and prescribe their duties.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Towns and Counties.

Mr. Oberdorffer, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 85, entitled

A bill to provide for the location, establishment and maintenance of a State agricultural and horticultural experiment station in the upper peninsula, and to make an appropriation therefor.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Agricultural College.

Mr. Gillam, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 86, entitled

A bill to provide for free text books in the public schools of this State.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Education.

Mr. Gillam, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 87, entitled

A bill to amend section 47 of act No. 206 of the public acts of 1893, being "An act to provide for the assessment of property, and the levy and collection of taxes thereon, and for the collection of taxes heretofore and hereafter levied; making such taxes a lien on the lands taxed, establishing and continuing such lien, providing for the sale and conveyance of lands delinquent for taxes, and for the inspection and disposition of lands bid off to the State and not redeemed or purchased; and to repeal act No. 200 of the public acts of 1891, and all other acts or parts of acts in anywise contravening any of the provisions of this act," by adding one section to be known as section 47 of said act.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on General Taxation.

Mr. Goodrich, unanimous consent being given, introduced House joint resolution No. 88, entitled

Joint resolution proposing an amendment to section 12 of article 13 of the constitution of this State relative to libraries.

The joint resolution was read a first and second time by its title, and pending its reference to a committee,

Mr. Goodrich moved that the rules be suspended and that the joint resolution be put on its immediate consideration.

The vote as announced by the Clerk was 38 to 2.

Mr. Gillam raised the point of order that there was less than a quorum present.

Mr. Lusk moved that there be a call of the House.

Pending which,

Mr. Stewart moved that the House adjourn.

Which motion did not prevail.

The motion that there be a call of the House then prevailed.

The vote developing a quorum present,

On motion of Mr. Shepherd,

All further proceedings under the call were dispensed with.

Mr. Goodrich then withdrew his motion for a suspension of the rules and an immediate consideration of the joint resolution, and

The joint resolution was then referred to the committee on Education.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Rulison offered the following:

Whereas, Recognizing the fact that the attendance of the pastors of the several churches of the city may cause them some inconvenience from day to day in officiating at the opening of our sessions; therefore be it

Resolved, That in the recognition of this fact and as a matter of courtesy, the Clerk of the House be instructed to extend to the several pastors of churches of the city a formal invitation to continue in the performance of the aforesaid services, and that a card of admission be given to each of them, that they may be with us at any and all times they may so desire.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Fleischhauer offered the following:

Resolved, That the Board of Auditors are hereby requested and instructed to purchase forthwith new chairs for Representative Hall.

Mr. Lusk moved to amend the resolution by adding thereto the words: Provided, That said chairs be of Michigan manufacture, if possible.

Which motion prevailed.

The resolution as amended was then adopted.

Mr. Lusk offered the following:

Resolved, That the report heretofore adopted with regard to committee assignments be and is hereby modified as follows:

Group assigned to room F to vacate same, for use as proof room by the House Clerk, and said group to occupy room K in connection with committee already assigned there.

Committee on Towns and Counties to be assigned to room L.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Lusk offered the following:

Resolved, That this House heartily congratulates our fellow member, Hon. William J. Duff, M. D., upon the magnificent gold medal testimonial presented him Wednesday evening, January 18, by the citizens of Port Huron, in recognition of gallant services rendered by him to his country and his associates in the Santiago campaign of the recent war as a physician and Corporal of Company F, 33d Michigan Volunteers; and

Resolved further, That the house congratulates itself in having among its membership our distinguished friend from Port Huron, and also the Hon. William F. Pack, Lieutenant of Company K, 33d regiment, Michigan volunteers, both of whom merit the highest recognition and praise.

Which was adopted by an unanimous rising vote.

Mr. Lusk moved that a committee of two be appointed to escort our honored member, Hon. W. J. Duff, M. D., to the Speaker's desk.

Which motion prevailed.

The Speaker announced as the committee. Messrs. Lusk and Heineman.

The committee appeared at the Speaker's desk, accompanied by Messrs. Duff and Pack, each of whom addressed the House; after which the House joined in singing America.

On motion of Mr. Handy,

Leave of absence was granted to himself indefinitely.

On motion of Mr. Lusk,

Leave of absence was granted to himself until Thursday next.

On motion of Mr. Bryan,

Leave of absence was granted to himself until Wednesday next.

On motion of Mr. Hart,

Leave of absence was granted to himself until Wednesday next.

On motion of Mr. Carton,

Leave of absence was granted to himself indefinitely.

Mr. Stewart moved that the House adjourn.

Which motion prevailed, and

The Speaker declared the House adjourned until 9 o'clock p. m. on Monday next.

REPRESENTATIVE HALL, LANSING,

Monday, January 23, 1899.

The House met pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by the Speaker.

Roll called: quorum present.

Absent without leave: Messrs. Collins, Crosby, Foster, Goodrich, Hall, Hatzenbuehler, Kingott, McLeod, Pack, Shisler and Wood.

On motion of Mr. McCallum,

Leave of absence was granted to Mr. Wood for the day.

On motion of Mr. Chamberlain,

Leave of absence was granted to all absentees for the day.

On motion of Mr. Phillips,

Leave of absence was granted to Mr. Kelly indefinitely on account of death in the family.

On motion of Mr. McCall,

Leave of absence was granted to Mr. Goodrich indefinitely on account of sickness.

BILLS PRESENTED TO THE GOVERNOR.

By the Clerk:

I have to report that I have this day enrolled, compared and presented to the Governor,

House bill No. 41, entitled

An act to fix the per diem compensation of the members of the Legislature from the upper peninsula for and during the session of

In accordance with the rules and order of the House: the receipt the same being dated 10:58 a. m., January 23, 1899.

LEWIS M. MILLER

Clerk of the House of Representatives

By the Clerk:

I have to report that I have this day enrolled, compared and presented to the Governor,

House joint resolution No. 64, entitled

Joint resolution for the appointment of a representative of the State of Michigan to attend to exhuming of bodies of Michigan soldiers in Porto Rico and in the United States outside of Michigan, and to transporting to and burying them at their homes, and for the payment of compensation of such representative and expense attendant thereon

In accordance with the rules and order of the House: the receipt the same being dated 1:51 p. m., January 23, 1899.

LEWIS M. MILLER,

Clerk of the House of Representatives

By the Clerk:

I have to report that I have this day enrolled, compared and presented to the Governor,

House concurrent resolution No. 7, entitled

Concurrent resolution relative to the passage of the bill in Colorado limiting the hours of laborers, workmen and mechanics employed on public works.

In accordance with the rules and order of the House: the receipt the same being dated 1:51 p. m., January 23, 1899.

LEWIS M. MILLER,

Clerk of the House of Representatives

By the Clerk:

I have to report that I have this day enrolled, compared and presented to the Governor,

House concurrent resolution No. 6, entitled

Concurrent resolution relative to the death of General William H. Phrey.

In accordance with the rules and order of the House: the receipt the same being dated 1:51 p. m., January 23, 1899.

LEWIS M. MILLER,

Clerk of the House of Representatives

By the Clerk:

I have to report that I have this day enrolled, compared and presented to the Governor,

House concurrent resolution No. 5, entitled

Concurrent resolution relative to the death of Hon. Nelson Dingley.

In accordance with the rules and order of the House: the receipt for the same being dated 1:51 p. m., January 23, 1899.

LEWIS M. MILLER,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS.

No. 12. By mail to the Clerk: Resolutions of the Board of Supervisors of Marquette county rescinding a former resolution asking the Legislature to lessen the number of supervisors in said county.

The resolutions were read and ordered spread on the Journal, as follows:

Towards the close of the last meeting of this board, held on the 28th day of December, A. D. 1898, a resolution was offered by Supervisor George Hayden, looking to a reduction of the membership of this board by consolidating the different townships in the county and by reducing the number of wards in the cities of Ishpeming, Negaunee and Marquette, and was immediately put to a vote without any opportunity being given the members of this board to consult their constituencies; and

Whereas, Since that time the matter has been made known and discussed by the people of the municipalities and townships within the county and a vast majority have expressed their disapproval of the changes contemplated by the said resolution offered by George Hayden and desire that no change be made in the present ward or township boundaries; and

Whereas, The promoters of the said resolution offered by George Hayden appear to lose sight of the fact that Marquette county is the largest county in the State, comprising, approximately, sixty-seven (67) surveyed townships, and four times as large as the ordinary sized county in the lower peninsula; that Marquette county is gradually becoming settled by actual farmers and that it will not be long before new townships will need to be organized in order to give the people all the rights and privileges to which they are entitled; and

Whereas, On account of the peculiar situation of affairs existing in this county, should the scheme of the promoters of the changes contemplated by the said resolution of George Hayden be carried out and the Legislature of this State be misled into passing any law in conformity or compliance therewith, the taxing power and the control of county, municipal and township affairs would be concentrated in the hands of a few to the injustice, wrong and injury of the people at large; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board of Supervisors of the county of Marquette, State of Michigan, do hereby rescind and repudiate the action of this board on the resolution offered by George Hayden at the meeting of this board held December 28, 1898, relative to reducing the representation on this board; and be it further

Resolved, That the Legislature of this State, if desirous of complying with the wishes of the people of this county, will refrain from enacting any law in compliance with the said resolution offered by said George Hayden or altering, at the present time, the boundaries of the existing

townships in this county or reducing the number of the wards in our municipalities. The people of Marquette county are perfectly satisfied under the present arrangement and all they desire from the Legislature of this State is to be let alone and they will live in peace and reach out for the good things of this world.

Resolved, That this resolution be spread upon our records and certified copies thereof be furnished by the County Clerk to the Governor of this State, to the representatives in the Legislature from this county and district, and to the clerks of the Senate and House of Representatives of the State Legislature.

PHILO P. CHASE.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, } ss.
County of Marquette, }

I, William A. Ross, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Marquette county and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of said county, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct transcript, compared by me, from the original resolution offered at a special meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Marquette county, held on Friday, the 20th day of January, A. D. 1899, and now remaining in my office, and of the whole of such original.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of said Circuit Court, at the city of Marquette, in said county, this 21st day of January, A. D. 1899.

WM. A. ROSS,

Clerk.

[Seal]

Referred to the committee on Towns and Counties.

No. 13. By Mr. Phillips: Petition for the passage of a bill to allow the spearing of fish in Magician lake in the counties of Van Buren and Cass.

Referred to the committee on Fisheries and Game.

No. 14. By Mr. Phillips: Petition to allow the spearing of pickerel in Pugsley lake in Van Buren county.

Referred to committee on Fisheries and Game.

No. 15. By Mr. Anderson: Petition for the Board of Supervisors of Kent county to the Legislature to enact such laws as will render the burden of taxation for the building and maintaining of river bridges more equitable.

Referred to the committee on General Taxation.

No. 16. By Mr. Oberdorffer: Petition of Fred Van Patten and 249 others of Menominee county, asking for changes in the law relative to fishing.

On demand of Mr. Oberdorffer,

The petition was read at length and spread at large on the Journal, as follows:

Menominee Mich., December 14, 1898.

To the Members of the Legislature of the State of Michigan:

Gentlemen—The undersigned fishermen and residents of Menominee county, Michigan, would respectfully ask your honorable body to amend section 3 of act No. 151 of public acts of 1897, so as to allow herring and rough fish to be caught from September 1st to December 1st instead of to November 20, as at present, for the following reasons, to wit:

1st. The herring do not run on the west shore of Green Bay until about the 15th of November, and under the present law the fishermen have only about five days in which to fish.

2d. The herring is a fish that for the past twenty years has been rapidly increasing in Green Bay and feeds on the spawn of trout and whitefish and while the herring have been increasing rapidly each year, whitefish and trout have been getting scarcer and now the fishermen on this shore very seldom catch a whitefish or trout.

3d. The little time allowed to fish after the herring begin to run on the west shore of Green Bay is hardly enough to enable the fishermen to pay the expense they have been to in making preparations to put out their nets, as they have to drive new stakes each year at a cost of about \$200.00 for each net, owing to the fact that the stakes, which are very expensive, are taken out each year by the ice and this makes it necessary to do this work over each year.

4th. The fishermen have from \$1,000.00 to \$3,000.00 each invested in the fish business in material and equipment that cannot be used for any other purpose and as the spring catch is very poor and few fish can be caught in the fall until almost the time when they have to stop fishing, the present law very nearly destroys their business and that without being of any benefit to any one except some foreign dealers who are thus enabled to raise the price on trout and whitefish.

Referred to the committee on Fisheries and Game.

No. 17. By Mr. Wayne: Resolutions of the Board of Supervisors of Gladwin county relative to delinquent taxes.

Referred to the committee on General Taxation.

No. 18. By Mr. Anderson: Resolutions of the Board of Supervisors of Kent county relative to official stenographer for the probate court of Kent county.

Referred to the committee on Judiciary.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

By the committee on Fisheries and Game:

The committee on Fisheries and Game, to whom was referred
House bill No. 19, entitled

A bill to amend section 3, of act No. 151 of the public acts of 1897, entitled "An act to regulate the catching of fish in the waters of this State by the use of pound or trap nets, gill nets, seines or other apparatus."

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration and have directed me to request of the House that the bill be printed for the use of the committee.

J. H. ANDERSON,

Chairman.

Report accepted.

The question being on ordering the bill printed for the use of the committee,

The House so ordered.

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.

The Speaker announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, January 20, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House the following bill:

House bill No. 21, entitled

A bill to repeal act 120 of the public acts of 1895, as amended by act 275, public acts of 1897, entitled "An act to prevent the spearing of fish in the waters of Long lake, in Genesee county."

In the passage of which the Senate has concurred by a majority vote of all the Senators elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect has ordered the same to take immediate effect.

Very respectfully,

CHARLES S. PIERCE,
Secretary of the Senate.

The bill was referred for enrollment and presentation to the Governor, under the rules.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, January 20, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House the following concurrent resolution:

Resolved by the House (the Senate concurring), That when the Legislature adjourns Friday, January 27, it adjourn to Tuesday, February 7, at 9 o'clock p. m.

In the adoption of which the Senate has concurred.

Very respectfully,

CHARLES S. PIERCE,
Secretary of the Senate.

The resolution was referred for enrollment under the rules.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, January 20, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House the following resolution:

Resolved by the House (the Senate concurring), That no further printing be done upon the Michigan Manual until such time as the House and Senate have determined the number to be printed.

In the adoption of which the Senate has concurred.

Very respectfully,

CHARLES S. PIERCE,
Secretary of the Senate.

The resolution was referred for enrollment.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, January 19, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House the following concurrent resolution:

Resolved by the House (the Senate concurring), That the contractor to be employed by the committee on Supplies and Expenditures be instructed to forward one copy of the Daily Journal to each daily and weekly newspaper published within this State, and to each State officer or member of State commission, supreme, circuit and probate judge, county clerk, county treasurer, register of deeds, prosecuting attorney, circuit court commissioner, city clerks and city comptrollers and to each public library, College of Mines, board of trade, central labor unions and trades councils, superior and recorders courts in the State, and to each county school commissioner and superintendent of each union or graded school in the State, and to each notary public whose address shall be furnished to said committee by a member of the House or Senate, but no member shall be allowed to furnish more than fifteen names; in order to ascertain whether the Journal be desired, a postal card shall be sent to the parties to whom the sending thereof is contemplated, notifying them that the Journal will be sent them on their written application therefor; and the amount of postage on such copies of said Journal so sent out, shall be paid by the State Treasurer on the warrant of the Auditor General on the presentation of bills duly certified by the postmaster at Lansing, and by the contractor, showing that such stamps have been purchased and used only for the payment of postage on said copies of said Journal hereby ordered to be distributed.

And to inform the House that the Senate has amended the same, as follows:

1. By striking out of lines eleven and twelve the words, "and to each notary public whose address shall be furnished to said committee by a member of the House or Senate, but no member shall be allowed to furnish more than fifteen names."

2. By striking out of line two the words "committee on Supplies and Expenditures," and inserting in lieu thereof the words "committee on State Affairs."

3. By adding after the word "State," in line eleven, the words "and each Supervisor in the State."

In the passage of which, as thus amended, the Senate has concurred.

Very respectfully,

CHARLES S. PIERCE,

Secretary of the Senate.

The question being on concurring in the amendment made by the Senate to the concurrent resolution,

The House did not concur.

On motion of Mr. Chamberlain,

The resolution was laid on the table.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,

Lansing, January 20, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed by the Senate to transmit to the House the following bill:

Senate bill No. 16, entitled

A bill to authorize the village of Boyne City to borrow four thousand dollars and issue bonds therefor.

Which has passed the Senate by a majority vote of all the elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect has been to take immediate effect, and in which the concurrence of the I respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

CHARLES S. PIERCE

Secretary of the S

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and referred to the committee on Local Taxation.

NOTICES.

Mr. Colby gave notice that at some future day he would ask to introduce

A bill to amend section 8098 of Howell's annotated statutes of Michigan relative to costs in garnishment proceedings.

Mr. Gustin gave notice that at some future day he would ask to introduce

A bill to provide for extra compensation for the Michigan volunteers and sailors enlisted during the late war with Spain.

Mr. Gustin gave notice that at some future day he would ask to introduce

A bill to amend act No. 206 of the public acts of 1893, and amend thereto.

Mr. Shepherd gave notice that at some future day he would ask to introduce

A bill to provide for the recording of conditional sale notes, contracts and memoranda of sale wherein the title to the goods and chattel is retained in the vendor until the whole of the purchase price is paid and providing for a clerk or recorder's fee therefor.

Mr. Shepherd gave notice that at some future day he would ask to introduce

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to section 1 of article 10 of the constitution.

Mr. Shepherd gave notice that at some future day he would ask to introduce

A bill to change the name of Anna Bertha Marr to Anna E. McCullis.

Mr. Shepherd gave notice that at some future day he would ask to introduce

A bill regulating the practice in justices' courts in suits brought against two or more persons.

Mr. Shepherd gave notice that at some future day he would ask to introduce

A bill to provide for the dissolution of the primary school district of the township of Bearinger, and the organization of the union school district of the township of Bearinger.

Mr. Doyle gave notice that at some future day he would ask to introduce

A bill to allow the spearing of fish in Maple river above its entrance into Gratiot county.

Mr. Baumgärtner gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to appropriate three thousand acres of State swamp land, not otherwise appropriated, for the construction and completion of a drain in the townships of Albee, Spaulding, Bridgeport and Taymouth in the county of Saginaw.

Mr. Nevins gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill making it unlawful for any railway company in this State to allow or cause any special train carrying any railway official, or officials of any railway company, over its railroad or any part thereof, to delay, interrupt or interfere with the running of any regular passenger train thereon, and requiring railway companies to keep such special trains out of the way of all regular passenger trains, and making it unlawful for any railway official to delay the running of any regular passenger train for his own private convenience, and fixing the penalty therefor.

Mr. Nevins gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to compel persons to support their wives and children and not to leave them a burden on the public.

Mr. Kerr gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to provide for the relief of John McDonald.

Mr. Burdick gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to provide for the erection and maintenance of shutes or ladders for the passage of fish over the dams across Bear river and tributaries in the counties of Emmet and Charlevoix, and to provide a penalty for violation of the same.

Mr. Dudley gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill for the protection of fish in the lakes and streams of Newaygo county and to repeal special act No. 170, public acts of 1891, entitled "An act to prohibit the spearing of fish in any of the waters within Newaygo county, State of Michigan."

Mr. Chamberlain gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to repeal act No. 198 of the public acts of 1897, entitled "An act to create a board of commissioners for the purpose of securing for use in certain of the common or primary schools of the State of Michigan a uniform series of text-books, to fix the maximum price to be charged for said books and to make an appropriation for carrying out the provisions of this act."

Mr. Sutherland gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend section 7 of act No. 149 of the public acts of 1893.

Mr. Colvin gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to require owners of land in Saginaw county to clean out the creeks, streams and rivers running through or adjoining their lands.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

Mr. McCallum, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 89, entitled

A bill to amend section 4 of act No. 129 of the public acts of 1893, entitled "An act for the organization of telephone and messenger service companies," approved May 31, 1883, the same being section 6691 of the compiled laws of 1897.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Phillips, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 90, entitled

A bill to allow the spearing of fish in the lake known as Magician lake, in the township of Keeler, county of Van Buren, and the township of Silver Creek, county of Cass.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Fisheries and Game.

Mr. Phillips, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 91, entitled

A bill to provide for determining and paying the damages accruing to William Fisher and Grant Adams, for not being allowed to complete a certain contract for the construction of a portion of the Great Bear lake drain, in the county of Van Buren.

A bill to amend section 7 of act No. 149 of the public acts of 1893.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Towns and Counties.

Mr. McLean, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 92, entitled

A bill to provide for the amount to be paid by fire insurance companies in cases of loss of or damage to insured property.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Insurance.

Mr. Herrig, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 93, entitled

A bill to require the labeling of all gasoline, benzine and naphtha sold at retail, and to repeal act No. 146, laws of 1889.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Nevins, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 94, entitled

A bill to change the names of Thomas Wager and Edna Wager.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Howell, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

Joint resolution No. 95, entitled

A joint resolution proposing amendment to section 1, article 7, of the constitution of the State of Michigan relative to elections.

The joint resolution was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on State Affairs.

Mr. Hammond, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 96, entitled

A bill to provide for the erection of two detached buildings for patients, for the purchase of furniture and furnishings for the same, for enlargement of the bakery and for additional water supply, at the Eastern Michigan Asylum, and making appropriations for the same.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Eastern Asylum for Insane.

Mr. Sutherland, previous notice having been given, and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 97, entitled

A bill to provide for the construction of a drain between the counties of Bay and Saginaw from the Duck Pond in the township of Merritt, Bay county, and Bloomfield, Saginaw county, to the Cheboyganing creek in Saginaw county, and authorizing the Board of Control of State swamp lands to make an appropriation of State swamp lands for said purpose.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Drainage.

Mr. Chandler, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 98, entitled

A bill to provide for two voting precincts in the township of Sault Ste. Marie, in the county of Chippewa, and the conduct of elections thereat.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Elections.

Mr. Gordon, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 99, entitled

A bill to make an appropriation for the erection of a fish hatchery in Marquette county and for the equipment thereof.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Fisheries and Game.

Mr. Oberdorffer, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 100, entitled

A bill to amend section 9 of article 2 of act No. 198 of the session laws of 1873, being an act entitled "An act to revise the laws providing for the incorporation of railroad companies, and to regulate the running and management, and to fix the duties and liabilities of all railroad and other corporations owning or operating any railroad in this State," as amended by act No. 177 of the session laws of 1877, and act 230 of the public acts of 1887, and act 202 of the public acts of 1889, and act 90 of the public acts of 1891, being section 3323 of Howell's annotated statutes, so as to provide for a reduction of fares in the upper peninsula.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Railroads.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Waterbury moved to reconsider the vote by which the House adopted the following:

Resolved, That the Board of Auditors are hereby requested and instructed to purchase forthwith new chairs for Representative Hall: Provided, That said chairs be of Michigan manufacture, if possible.

On which motion,

Mr. Goodell demanded the yeas and nays.

The demand was seconded, and the motion prevailed, by yeas and nays as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Aldrich	Mr. Gray	Mr. Pearson
Alward	Hammond	Phillips
Anderson	Heck	Randall
Babcock	Heineman	Read, J. H.
Baumgärtner	Howell	Reed, W. A.
Brownell	Laflamboy	Robinson
Burfoot	Locher	Stewart
Buskirk	Lugers	Stumpenhusen
Caldwell	McKay	Sutherland
Chandler	McLean	Taziman
Cheever	Mason	Waterbury
Colby	Moore	Wayne
Colvin	Murdoch	Weier
Davis	Murphy	Wells
Doyle	Nash	Weter
Eikhoff	Nevins	Wheeler
Gillette	Niedermeier	Wing
Goodell	Oberdorffer	Woodruff
Goodyear		

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NAYS.

Mr. Burch	Mr. Gustin	Mr. Rulison
Chamberlain	Herrig	Shepherd
Dudley	Keep	Watters
Duff	Kerr	Whitney
Fleischhauer	McCallum	Speaker
Gillam	Reed, G. W.	

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The question being on the adoption of the resolution,

Mr. Fleischhauer moved that the resolution do lie on the table.

On which motion,

Mr. Hammond demanded the yeas and nays.

The demand was seconded, and the motion did not prevail, by yeas and nays as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Burch	Mr. Gillam	Mr. Pearson
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Mr. Burfoot	Mr. Gray	Mr. Phillips
Caldwell	Gustin	Reed, G. W.
Chamberlain	Herrig	Robinson
Chandler	Keep	Rulison
Doyle	Kerr	Shepherd
Dudley	McCall	Watters
Duff	McCallum	Whitney
Eikhoff	McKay	Speaker
Fleischhauer		

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NAYS.

Mr. Aldrich	Mr. Heck	Mr. Randall
Alward	Heineman	Read, J. H.
Babcock	Howell	Reed, W. A.
Baumgartner	Laflamboy	Stewart
Brownell	Locher	Stumpenhusen
Burdick	Lugers	Sutherland
Buskirk	McLean	Taziman
Cheever	Mason	Waterbury
Colby	Moore	Wayne
Colvin	Murdoch	Weier
Davis	Murphy	Wells
Gillette	Nash	Weter
Goodell	Nevins	Wheeler
Goodyear	Niedermeier	Wing
Hammond	Oberdorffer	Woodruff

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The question again being on the adoption of the resolution,

Mr. Waterbury offered the following substitute therefor:

Resolved, That the State Board of Auditors be and are hereby instructed to have the chairs in Representative Hall repaired and upholstered during the ten days' recess to be taken by this body.

Which was accepted.

The resolution, as amended by the substitute, was then adopted.

Mr. Shepherd offered the following:

Resolved, That the daily sessions of this House begin at 2 o'clock p. m., until further ordered.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Gustin offered the following:

Whereas, During the session of the Legislature of 1897 an act was passed whereby the taking of whitefish and lake trout was prohibited during the months of November and December; and

Whereas, There has been considerable controversy throughout the State as to the alleged injustice of this law to the citizens of the State of Michigan; and

Whereas, There seems to be divers opinions whether this law is a protection to the fish industry and a benefit to the citizens of the State of Michigan; and

Whereas, It has been stated on reliable authority that the effect of the enactment of the law for a closed season has resulted in the doubling of

the price of fish to the consumer, thereby depriving the people of food product and making it practically a luxury; and

Whereas, It is stated that the fish syndicate, commonly known as the fish trust, now practically controls the price of fish in the United States and are interested in maintaining the closed season in this State for the reason that they have leased the fisheries from the Canadian government controlling the output of fish from Canadian waters, and that during the summer months they catch and place in cold storage on Lake Michigan and Lake Nippissing, in Manitoba, thousands of tons of whitefish during the months of November, December, January and February, and our fishermen are prevented from supplying the markets on account of the closed season, are shipped into our markets, for which they exact exorbitant prices; and

Whereas, The syndicate had a representative in Lansing during the session of 1897 lobbying for the passage of a closed season; and

Whereas, The secretary of the syndicate has been in Lansing during the winter endeavoring to prevent the repeal of the closed season law;

Whereas, The State Board of Fish Commissioners during the session of 1897 were in favor of the enactment of a law favoring a closed season; and it is commonly reported that they are now convinced that they made a mistake in reference to the closed season, and are now in favor of the abolishing of the closed season; and

Whereas, It is commonly reported that the United States Fish Commissioners were not in favor of a closed season in 1897, and are still of the same opinion; and

Whereas, It is commonly reported that the members of the State Game Warden's department were not in favor of the enactment of the closed season in 1897, but now think that a closed season is the proper method for the protection of fish in the State and do not favor the repeal of the closed season; and

Whereas, It is commonly reported that the closed season has caused untold hardship to the commercial fishermen of Michigan, particularly the small fishermen, and notably to the fishermen of the Beaver Island and

Whereas, The commercial fishermen of the State are practically asking for the repeal of the closed season; and

Whereas, The effect of the closed season on whitefish and trout during the months of November and December is to deprive the people of the State of Michigan of fish as food, by prohibiting the sale of fish in the State during the closed season; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Speaker of the House be and is hereby directed to appoint a committee of five members of the House whose duty it shall be to investigate and report to the House:

What effect the closed season has had upon the sale and price of fish to the consumer:

What reasons prompted the enactment of the law for the closed season upon fish.

Why the fish syndicate, commonly known as the fish trust, is interested in the passage of the act for the closed season and is interested in the maintenance of a closed season.

Why the members of the Game Warden's department are interested in the maintenance of a closed season.

Why the Michigan Fish Commission were in favor, in 1897, of the enactment of the law for a closed season, and are now in favor of its repeal.

Why the United States Fish Commission are not in favor of a closed season upon whitefish and trout.

How the closed season upon fish affects the commercial fishermen of this State.

What effect the closed season upon fish has upon the sale of fish in this State.

And to report such remedial legislation with reference thereto as the exigencies of the subject matter of the report may demand; and be it further

Resolved, That the committee be and is hereby authorized to subpoena and compel the attendance of witnesses, to examine books and papers, and employ such other assistance as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution,

Mr. Goodell demanded the yeas and nays.

The demand was seconded, and

Pending the calling of the roll,

Mr. Fleischhauer moved that the resolution be referred to the committee on Fisheries and Game.

On which motion

Mr. Heineman demanded the yeas and nays.

The demand was seconded, and the motion to refer did not prevail, by yeas and nays as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Aldrich
Baumgaertner
Burdick
Chandler
Doyle
Eikhoff
Fleischhauer

Mr. Gillam
Gillette
Gray
Keep
Kerr
Lafamboy
Locher

Mr. Lugers
Moore
Murphy
Randall
Robinson
Whitney

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NAYS.

Mr. Alward
Anderson
Babcock
Burch
Burdick
Buskirk
Caldwell
Chamberlain
Colby
Dudley
Duff
Goodell
Goodyear
Gustin
Hammond

Mr. Heck
Heineman
Herrig
Howell
Kingott
McCall
McCallum
McKay
McLean
Mason
Murdoch
Nash
Nevins
Niedermeier
Oberdorffer

Mr. Pearson
Reed, W. A.
Rulison
Stewart
Stumpfenhusen
Sutherland
Waterbury
Wayne
Weier
Wells
Weter
Wheeler
Wing
Woodruff
Speaker

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The question again being on the adoption of the resolution,
Mr. Gillam moved that the resolution do lie on the table.
Which motion did not prevail.

The question again being on the adoption of the resolution,
The resolution was then adopted by yeas and nays as follow

YEAS.

Mr. Aldrich	Mr. Heck	Mr. Reed, W.
Anderson	Heineman	Rulison
Baumgärtner	Herrig	Shepherd
Burch	McCall	Stewart
Caldwell	McCallum	Stumpenhu
Chamberlain	McLean	Sutherland
Cheever	Mason	Waterbury
Chandler	Murdoch	Wayne
Colby	Nevins	Weier
Colvin	Niedermeier	Weter
Doyle	Oberdorffer	Wheeler
Duff	Pearson	Whitney
Gustin	Read, J. H.	Speaker

YEAS.

Mr. Alward	Mr. Goodyear	Mr. Moore
Babcock	Gray	Murphy
Brownell	Hammond	Nash
Burdick	Howell	Phillips
Burfoot	Keep	Randall
Buskirk	Kerr	Reed, G. V
Davis	Kingott	Robinson
Dudley	Lafamboy	Watters
Eikhoff	Locher	Wells
Fleischhauer	Lugers	Wing
Gillam	McKay	Woodruff
Goodell		

Mr. Whitney offered the following:

Whereas, The sad intelligence has reached the House of bereavement of our fellow member, Honorable Wm. D. Kelly, of Oregon, by the demise of his much loved mother, therefore be it

Resolved, That the House begs hereby to tender to Mr. Kelly and sincere sympathy on this sad occasion, and as best we can in which at best are but empty things, condole with him in this bereavement.

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be sent by the Clerk to the sorrowing fellow member, and that, as a farther mark of our high regard for him, the House do now adjourn.

Which motion was adopted by an unanimous rising vote.

Whereupon,

The Speaker declared the House adjourned until 2 o'clock p.m. tomorrow.

} REPRESENTATIVE HALL, LANSING,

} Tuesday, January 24, 1899.

The House met pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Swift.

Roll called: quorum present.

Absent without leave: Messrs. Colvin, Crosby, Pack, Wayne and Wood.

On motion of Mr. Howell,

Leave of absence was granted to all absentees for the day.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS.

No. 19. By Mr. Burfoot: Petition of the Board of Supervisors of Kent county relative to taxation for the building and maintaining of river bridges.

Referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

No. 20. By Mr. Shisler: Petition of Orrin Whitcomb Post, No. 302, of Byron Center, in favor of amending act relative to relief for honorably discharged indigent soldiers, sailors and marines and their wives, widows and children.

Referred to the committee on Soldiers' Home.

No. 21. By Mr. Shisler: Petition of Rev. Orval Lash and others against granting holidays to saloon keepers.

Referred to committee on Liquor Traffic.

No. 22. By Mr. Hofmeister: Petition of Tuscola county citizens relative to amending the game laws of the State.

Referred to the committee on Fisheries and Game.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

• By the committee on Local Taxation:

The committee on Local Taxation, to whom was referred

House bill No. 4, entitled

A bill to legalize certain bonds of the township of Brooks, in Newaygo county.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, without amendment and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

R. ALWARD,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

Pending the order that the bill be printed, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Dudley moved that the rules be suspended, and the bill put upon its immediate passage.

Which motion did not prevail, two-thirds of all the members present not voting therefor.

The Speaker announced, in declaring the result of the vote, that the chair holds that to suspend the rules requires two-thirds of the members present as indicated by the last call of the roll for the purpose of determining the number of members present, less such members as may be granted leave of absence from that session by the House.

Mr. Dudley appealed from the decision of the chair, in that the Speaker had declared his motion that the rules be suspended, lost for lack of a two-thirds majority of the members present: Mr. Dudley contending in his appeal, which was declared to be a friendly one for the purpose of getting from the House a determination of the meaning of the rule, that without a determination of the rule it should not be so construed as to include any others than those voting on the two sides of any question.

The Speaker announced that the appeal had been taken partially at his own request in order that the question should be definitely determined by the House; and that the rule could mean not otherwise than that there must be some determination as to the number really present and that his decision was that the morning roll call, less the number properly excused by the House, and, later in the day, such roll calls as were taken for determining the number present, must be used by the chair in determining whether the requisite two-thirds of those present had voted for a suspension of the rules.

The question being stated,

Shall the judgment of the chair stand as the judgment of the House,

The House determined in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Alward,	Mr. Gordon	Mr. Nevins
Anderson	Gustin	Niedermeier
Babcock	Hall	Oberdorffer
Baumgärtner	Hammond	Pearson
Brownell	Hatzenbuehler	Randall
Burch	Heck	Read, J. H.
Burdick	Herrig	Reed, W. A.
Caldwell	Hofmeister	Robinson
Chamberlain	Howell	Rulinson
Chandler	Keep	Schmidt
Cheever	Kingott	Shisler
Colby	Locher	Stewart
Collins	Lugers	Stumpenhusen
Davis	Lusk	Sutherland
Doyle	McCall	Taziman
Dudley	McKay	Watters
Duff	McLean	Weier
Fleischhauer	McLeod	Wells
Foster	Mason	Weter
Gillam	Moore	Whitney
Gillette	Murdoch	Wing
Goodell	Murphy	Wheeler
Goodrich	Nash	Woodruff
Goodyear		

NAYS.

Mr. Buskirk
Eikhoff

Mr. Gray
Kerr

Mr. Shepherd

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The bill was then ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on Judiciary:

The committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred
House bill No. 70, entitled

A bill to amend section 66 of act numbered 206 of the public acts of 1893, entitled "An act to provide for the assessment of property and the levy and collection of taxes thereon, and for the collection of taxes heretofore and hereafter levied, making such taxes a lien on the lands taxed, establishing and continuing such lien, providing for the sale and conveyance of lands delinquent for taxes and for the inspection and disposition of lands bid off to the State and not redeemed or purchased, and to repeal act numbered 200 of the public acts of 1891, and all other acts or parts of acts in anywise contravening any of the provisions of this act," approved June 1, 1893, as amended by act numbered 162 of the public acts of 1895, approved May 18, 1895.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

FRANK SHEPHERD,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on Judiciary:

The committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred
House bill No. 78, entitled

A bill to provide for the publication and distribution of the Michigan Manual, and to repeal act No. 263 of the public acts of 1879, entitled "An act to provide for the preparation, publication and distribution of the Legislative Manual," approved May 31, 1879, as amended by act No. 79 of the public acts of 1887, as amended by act No. 20 of the public acts of 1889.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration and have directed me to report the same back to the House, with the accompanying substitute therefor, entitled

A bill to provide for the publication and distribution of the Michigan Manual, and to repeal act No. 263 of the public acts of 1879, entitled act to provide for the preparation, publication and distribution of the the Legislative Manual," approved May 31, 1879, as amended by act No. 79 of the public acts of 1887, as amended by act No. 20 of the public acts of 1889.

Recommending that the substitute be concurred in, and that the substitute do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

FRANK SHEPHERD,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The question being on concurring in the substitute reported for the bill, by the committee,

The House concurred.

Pending the order that the bill be printed, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order,

On motion of Mr. Alward,

The rules were suspended, two-thirds of all the members present voting therefor, and the bill was put upon its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Alward	Mr. Gordon	Mr. Niedermeier
Anderson	Gray	Oberdorffer
Babcock	Gustin	Pearson
Baumgärtner	Hall	Randall
Brownell	Hammond	Read, J. H.
Burch	Hatzenbuhler	Reed, G. W.
Burdick	Heineman	Reed, W. A.
Buskirk	Herrig	Robinson
Caldwell	Hofmeister	Rulinson
Chamberlain	Howell	Schmidt
Chandler	Keep	Shepherd
Cheever	Kerr	Shisler
Colby	Kingott	Stumpenhusen
Davis	Locher	Sutherland
Doyle	Lugers	Taziman
Dudley	Lusk	Waterbury
Duff	McKay	Watters
Eikhoff	McLean	Weier
Fleischhauer	McLeod	Wells
Foster	Mason	Weter
Gillam	Moore	Wheeler
Gillette	Murdoch	Whitney
Goodell	Murphy	Wing
Goodrich	Nash	Woodruff
Goodyear	Nevins	Speaker

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NAYS.

Mr. Heck

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Alward.

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

NOTICES.

Mr. Dudley gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill for the assessment and levy of taxes upon the property of railroad companies, express companies, telegraph companies and telephone companies and the collection thereof, and for the assessment and levy of taxes upon shares in all other corporations organized under the laws of this State and in banks organized under the laws of the United States, and to create the State Board of Assessors and to define the duties and powers of said board, and to provide for the election of members of said board, and for their compensation, and to repeal all other acts or parts of acts in so far as such acts or parts of acts are inconsistent with this act, and to declare the purpose to which taxes levied upon the property of railroad, express, telegraph and telephone companies shall be applied.

Mr. Keep gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to facilitate the inspection and prevent the removal of any and all records and files in the offices of county, city and township officers in this State, and repealing all acts and parts of acts contravening the provisions of this act.

Mr. Wells gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill making an appropriation for the printing of certain reports and maps under the directions of the State Board of Geological Survey.

Mr. Eikhoff gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend act No. 92 of the public acts of 1893, as amended by act No. 143 of the public acts of 1895, entitled "An act to provide separate grade for railroads and public highways and streets, where railroads intersect such highways and streets," approved May 20, 1893.

Mr. Fleischhauer gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to provide for the exercise of the police power of the State over the affairs and business of corporations engaged in the street and sub-urban street railway business.

Mr. Fleischhauer gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend act No. 79 of the session of 1873 by adding ten new sections thereto.

Mr. Goodell gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to require township boards of the county of Wayne to make and publish annually an itemized statement of the condition of the finances of the township in relation to the receipts and disbursements made by the township board.

Mr. Herrig gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to create a lien in favor of certain persons and their legal representatives having claims against corporations for damages in certain cases.

Mr. Herrig gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend certain sections of the charter of the city of Saginaw.

Mr. Foster gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to repeal an act entitled "An act to authorize the sale of the Central Railroad, and to incorporate the Michigan Central Railroad Company," approved March 28, 1846; as amended by act 47, session laws of 1846; as amended by act 71, session laws of 1847; as amended by act 197, session laws of 1848; as amended by act 139, session laws 1855; as amended by act 95, session laws 1859; as amended by act 21, session laws 1879; as amended by act 188, session laws 1883.

Mr. Foster gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to repeal act 93, session laws 1846, entitled "An act to incorporate the Grand River Valley Railroad Company," approved May 4, 1846; as amended by act 87, session laws 1847; as amended by act 159, session laws 1861; as amended by act 111, session laws 1863.

Mr. Foster gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to repeal act . . . , session laws 1883, entitled "An act to incorporate the Erie and Kalamazoo Railroad Company," approved April 22, 1833; as amended or modified by the banking act, passed March 6, 1835; as amended by act 158, session laws of 1846, entitled "An act in regard to the Erie and Kalamazoo Railroad Company," approved May 18, 1846.

Mr. Foster gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to repeal act 113, session laws 1846, entitled "An act to authorize the Southern Railroad and to incorporate the Michigan Southern Railroad Company," approved May 9, 1846; as amended by act 128, session laws 1849; as amended by act 213, session laws 1849, entitled "An act to authorize the Michigan Southern Railroad Company to repair their road with heavy rails, and for other purposes," as amended by act 195, session laws 1850; as amended by act 138, session laws 1855; as amended by act 189, session laws 1883.

Mr. Foster gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to repeal an act to incorporate the Detroit and Pontiac Railroad Company, approved March 7, 1834.

Mr. Foster gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to repeal act 234, session laws 1848, entitled "An act to incorporate the Oakland and Ottawa Railroad Company," approved April 3, 1848.

Mr. Foster gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to repeal act 140, session laws 1855, entitled "An act to authorize the consolidation of the Detroit and Pontiac and the Oakland and Ottawa Railroad companies, so as to form a continuous line from Detroit to Lake Michigan, under the name of the Detroit and Milwaukee Company," approved February 13, 1855, and all acts and parts of acts in anywise conflicting with the intent or provision of this act to repeal the charter of the now existing Detroit, Grand Haven and Milwaukee Railway Company.

Mr. Heineman gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to provide for the presentation of bronze medals to the soldiers and sailors from Michigan who enlisted and served in the Spanish-American war, and in certain cases to the relatives of such soldiers and sailors who perished in said service.

Mr. Shisler gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend act 119, public acts of 1891, relative to the introduction of the kindergarten in the public schools of the State.

Mr. Anderson gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A joint resolution for the relief of Louis Schmid, a private in Company H, 2d regiment Michigan State troops, who was injured while in the line of duty, by the premature discharge of a gun at Grand Haven, on July 4, 1884.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

Mr. Dudley, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 101, entitled

A bill for the protection of fish in the lakes and streams of Newaygo county, and to repeal act No. 170 of the public acts of the year 1891, entitled "An act to prohibit the spearing of fish in any of the waters within Newaygo county in the State of Michigan."

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

Mr. Dudley moved that the rules be suspended and that the bill be put upon its immediate consideration.

Which motion did not prevail, two-thirds of the members present not voting therefor.

The bill was then referred to the committee on Fisheries and Game.

Mr. Cheever, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 102, entitled

A bill relative to proceedings in courts of chancery, and to amend sections 57, 144, 145 and 146 of chapter 176 of the compiled laws of 1871 as heretofore amended, being sections 5093, 5180, 5181, 5182, 6647, 6738, 6739 and 6740 of Howell's annotated statutes of the State of Michigan.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Chamberlain, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 103, entitled

A bill to repeal act No. 198 of the public acts of 1897 entitled "An act to create a board of commissioners for the purpose of securing for use in certain of the common or primary schools of the State of Michigan a uniform series of text-books, to fix the maximum price to be charged for said books and to make an appropriation for carrying out the provisions of this act."

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Education.

Mr. Baumgärtner, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 104, entitled

A bill to authorize the Board of Control of State swamp lands to make an appropriation of State swamp lands for the purpose of completing the drain established in the townships of Albee, Spalding, Bridgeport and Taymouth, in the county of Saginaw, as provided in act No. 431 of the local acts of 1897, entitled "An act to provide for the construction of a drain in the townships of Albee, Spalding, Bridgeport and Taymouth, in the county of Saginaw, and to authorize the Board of Control of State swamp lands to make an appropriation of State swamp lands for that purpose."

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Shepherd, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 105, entitled

A bill regulating the practice in courts held by justices of the peace in suits brought against two or more defendants.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Shepherd, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 106, entitled

A bill to change the name of Anna Bertha Marr to Anna Bertha McCrillis.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Shepherd, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 107, entitled

A bill to provide for the recording of conditional sale notes, contracts and memoranda of sale wherein the title to the goods and chattels sold is retained in the vendor until the whole of the purchase price is paid, and providing for a clerk or recorder's fee therefor.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Shepherd, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

Joint resolution No. 108, entitled

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to section 1 of article 20 of the constitution.

The joint resolution was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Shepherd, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 109, entitled

A bill to provide for the dissolution of the primary school districts of the township of Bearinger, and the organization of the Union School District of the township of Bearinger.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Towns and Counties.

Mr. Kerr, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 110, entitled

A bill to make an appropriation for the erection of a fish hatchery in Houghton county and for the equipment thereof.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committees on Fisheries and Game and Ways and Means.

Mr. Goodyear, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 111, entitled

A bill to amend section 13 of act No. 159 of the public acts of 1897, entitled "An act to revise and amend the laws for the protection of game," approved May 26, 1897.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Fisheries and Game.

Mr. Doyle, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 112, entitled

A bill to allow the spearing of fish in Maple river above its entrance in Gratiot county.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Fisheries and Game.

Mr. Shisler, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 113, entitled

A bill to amend act No. 253 of the public acts of 1895, being an act to provide for the relief, outside of the Soldiers' Home, for honorably discharged indigent Union soldiers, sailors and marines, and the indigent wives, widows and minor children of such indigent or deceased Union soldiers, sailors and marines, and to repeal all statutes and acts contravening the provisions of this act.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Soldiers' Home.

Mr. Colby, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 114, entitled

A bill to provide for the election, at primary elections, by a direct vote of the members of the various political parties, of all candidates of such parties for election to any and all public offices the occupants of which now or hereafter shall be required, by law, to be elected at an April or November election, entirely by electors residing within Wayne county, which shall include all county, city, township, village and ward officers, circuit judges and judges of the recorder's court for the city of Detroit, members of Congress and of the State Legislature. And also for the election of delegates to political conventions and of members of committees of political parties, and to provide for regulating and protecting such primary elections and conventions and to punish offenses committed thereat, and to repeal all acts or parts of acts conflicting with the provisions of this act.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Elections.

Mr. Burdick, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 115, entitled

A bill to provide for the erection and maintenance of shutes or ladders for the passage of fish over the dam across Bear river and tributaries in the counties of Emmet and Charlevoix, and to provide a penalty for violations of the provisions of this act.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Fisheries and Game.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Chamberlain offered the following:

Whereas, The Senate has one committee upon the Michigan College of Mines, which said committee also has charge of matters pertaining to mines and minerals, and which said committee is to visit the mining region of the State during the coming recess; and

Whereas, The House has a committee upon the Michigan College of Mines and a separate committee on Mines and Minerals; and

Whereas, The bills which will be regularly presented to the said committee upon Mines and Minerals will pertain to and affect only mining interests; and

Whereas, In order to act intelligently upon such measures the said committee upon Mines and Minerals should familiarize itself with the mining industry and matters pertaining thereto; therefore

Resolved, That it is the sense of this House that the said committee upon Mines and Minerals be directed to visit the mining regions of the State during the legislative recess, in company with the committee on College of Mines, in order that the members thereof may become familiar with the large and important interests which will be presented for their consideration during the present session.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Nevins moved to reconsider the vote by which the House adopted the following resolution:

Whereas, During the session of the Legislature of 1897 an act was passed whereby the taking of whitefish and lake trout was prohibited during the months of November and December; and

Whereas, There has been considerable controversy throughout the State as to the alleged injustice of this law to the citizens of the State of Michigan; and

Whereas, There seems to be divers opinions whether this law is a protection to the fish industry and a benefit to the citizens of the State of Michigan; and

Whereas, It has been stated on reliable authority that the effect of the enactment of the law for a closed season has resulted in the doubling of the price of fish to the consumer, thereby depriving the people of a cheap food product and making it practically a luxury; and

Whereas, It is stated that the fish syndicate, commonly known as the fish trust, now practically controls the price of fish in the United States, and are interested in maintaining the closed season in this State for the reason that they have leased the fisheries from the Canadian government controlling the output of fish from Canadian waters, and that during the

summer months they catch and place in cold storage on Lake Winnipeg and Lake Nippising, in Manitoba, thousands of tons of whitefish, which during the months of November, December, January and February, when our fishermen are prevented from supplying the markets on account of the closed season, are shipped into our markets, for which they exact exorbitant prices; and

Whereas, The syndicate had a representative in Lansing during the session of 1897 lobbying for the passage of a closed season; and

Whereas, The secretary of the syndicate has been in Lansing this winter endeavoring to prevent the repeal of the closed season law; and

Whereas, The State Board of Fish Commissioners during the session of 1897 were in favor of the enactment of a law favoring a closed season; and it is commonly reported that they are now convinced that they have made a mistake in reference to the closed season, and are now in favor of the abolishing of the closed season; and

Whereas, It is commonly reported that the United States Fish Commissioners were not in favor of a closed season in 1897, and are still of the same opinion; and

Whereas, It is commonly reported that the members of the State Game Warden's department were not in favor of the enactment of the closed season in 1897, but now think that a closed season is the proper thing for the protection of fish in the State and do not favor the repeal of the closed season; and

Whereas, It is commonly reported that the closed season has been of untold hardship to the commercial fishermen of Michigan, particularly the small fishermen, and notably to the fishermen of the Beaver islands; and

Whereas, The commercial fishermen of the State are practically a unit asking for the repeal of the closed season; and

Whereas, The effect of the closed season on whitefish and trout during the months of November and December is to deprive the people of the State of Michigan of fish as food, by prohibiting the sale of fish in the State during the closed season; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Speaker of the House be and is hereby directed to appoint a committee of five members of the House whose duty it shall be to investigate and report to the House:

What effect the closed season has had upon the sale and price of fish to the consumer.

What reasons prompted the enactment of the law for the closed season upon fish.

Why the fish syndicate, commonly known as the fish trust, were interested in the passage of the act for the closed season and are interested in the maintenance of a closed season.

Why the members of the Game Warden's department are interested in the maintenance of a closed season.

• Why the Michigan Fish Commission were in favor, in 1897, of the enactment of the law for a closed season, and are now in favor of its repeal.

Why the United States Fish Commission are not in favor of a closed season upon whitefish and trout.

How the closed season upon fish affects the commercial fishermen of this State.

What effect the closed season upon fish has upon the sale of fish in this State.

And to report such remedial legislation with reference thereto as the exigencies of the subject matter of the report may demand; and be it further

Resolved, That the committee be and is hereby authorized to subpoena and compel the attendance of witnesses, to examine books and papers, and employ such other assistance as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this resolution.

On which motion,

Mr Nevins demanded the yeas and nays.

The demand was seconded, and the motion did not prevail by yeas and nays as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Alward	Mr. Gillette	Mr. Lugers
Babcock	Goodell	McKay
Burfoot	Goodyear	Nevins
Buskirk	Gray	Reed, G. W.
Davis	Hall	Robinson
Fleischhauer	Hammond	Shisler
Gillam	Howell	Taziman

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NAYS.

Mr. Aldrich	Mr. Hatzenbuehler	Mr. Pearson
Anderson	Heck	Randall
Baumgaertner	Heineman	Read, J. H.
Brownell	Herrig	Reed, W. A.
Burch	Hofmeister	Rulison
Burdick	Keep	Schmidt
Caldwell	Kerr	Shepherd
Chamberlain	Kingott	Stumpenhusen
Chandler	Locher	Sutherland
Cheever	McCall	Waterbury
Colby	McLean	Watters
Collins	McLeod	Weier
Doyle	Mason	Wells
Dudley	Moore	Weter
Duff	Murdoch	Wheeler
Eikhoff	Murphy	Whitney
Foster	Nash	Wing
Goodrich	Niedermeier	Woodruff
Gordon	Oberdorffer	Speaker
Gustin		

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Mr. Colby moved to take from the table the following resolution, which had been amended by the Senate, and in which amendments the House had non-concurred:

Resolved by the House (the Senate concurring), That the contractor to be employed by the committee on Supplies and Expenditures be instructed to forward one copy of the Daily Journal to each daily and weekly newspaper published within this State, and to each State officer or member of State commission, supreme, circuit and probate judge, county clerk, county treasurer, register of deeds, prosecuting attorney, circuit court commissioner, city clerks and city comptrollers and to each public library, College of Mines, board of trade, central labor unions and trades councils, superior and recorders courts in the State, and to each county school commissioner and superintendent of each union or graded school in the State, and to each notary public whose address shall be furnished to said committee by a member of the House or Senate, but no member shall be allowed to furnish more than fifteen names; in order to ascertain whether the Journal be desired, a postal card shall be sent to the parties to whom the sending thereof is contemplated, notifying them that the Journal will be sent them on their written application therefor; and the amount of postage on such copies of said Journal so sent out, shall be paid by the State Treasurer on the warrant of the Auditor General on the presentation of bills duly certified by the postmaster at Lansing, and by the contractor, showing that such stamps have been purchased and used only for the payment of postage on said copies of said Journal hereby ordered to be distributed.

Which the Senate had amended as follows:

1. By striking out of lines eleven and twelve the words "and to each notary public whose address shall be furnished to said committee by a member of the House or Senate, but no member shall be allowed to furnish more than fifteen names."

2. By striking out of line two the words "committee on Supplies and Expenditures," and inserting in lieu thereof the words "committee on State Affairs."

3. By adding after the word "State," in line eleven, the words "and each supervisor in the State."

Which motion prevailed.

The question being on concurring in the amendments reported from the Senate.

Mr. Colby moved that the matter of difference between the two Houses relative to the resolution be referred to a conference committee of three from the House and a like number from the Senate.

Which motion prevailed.

Mr. Oberdorffer offered the following:

Resolved, That the Sergeant-at-Arms be authorized to procure suitable uniforms for the messenger boys, provided for by a former resolution, at a price not to exceed \$7.50 per suit.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution,

Mr. Oberdorffer moved that the resolution be amended by inserting after the words "messenger boys," the words "which they shall be required to wear."

Which motion prevailed.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution as amended,

Mr. Colby demanded the yeas and nays.

The demand was seconded, and the resolution was not adopted, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Burch
Chamberlain
Cheever
Collins
Dudley
Duff
Eikhoff
Fleischhauer
Foster
Gillam

Mr. Goodyear
Gustin
Hammond
Heineman
Hofmeister
Keep
Kerr
McCall
McLean
McLeod

Mr. Oberdorffer
Randall
Rulison
Shepherd
Shisler
Sutherland
Watters
Whitney
Speaker

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NAYS.

Mr. Alward
Babcock
Baumgærtner
Brownell
Buskirk
Caldwell
Chandler
Colby
Doyle
Gillette
Goodell
Goodrich
Gordon
Gray
Hall

Mr. Hatzenbuhler
Heck
Herrig
Howell
Kingott
Locher
Lugers
McKay
Mason
Moore
Murdoch
Murphy
Nash
Nevins

Mr. Niedermeier
Read, J. H.
Reed, W. A.
Robinson
Schmidt
Stewart
Stumpenhusen
Taziman
Waterbury
Weier
Wells
Weter
Wheeler
Wing

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Mr. Burch offered the following:

Whereas, The upper peninsula is to no small extent a terra incognita to the members representing the districts in the lower peninsula, who must of necessity give thought and careful attention to the needs and resources of the portion of our State bordering the shores of Lake Superior,

Resolved, That it should be the duty as well as the privilege of each and every member of the House to join with the committees who have been specially designated to visit and inquire into the needs of the institutions located in that rapidly developing portion of the State; and be it further

Resolved, That all members who can do so shall make use of the opportunity thus afforded to familiarize themselves with the needs as well as the greatness of this our great State.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Gillam moved to amend Rule 63 by adding thereto the words "as indicated by the last preceding roll call."

Mr. Chamberlain moved to amend the proposed amendment by adding at the end thereof the words "for the purpose of determining the members present."

The question being on the motion to amend the proposed amendment to Rule 63,

On motion of Mr. Lusk,

The proposed amendment was referred to the committee on Rules and Joint Rules.

Mr. Shisler offered the following:

Whereas, There is need of a clerk to prepare and assist in the preparation of bills in the House; and

Whereas, We are not privileged to have such work done by the Attorney General, as in former sessions; therefore be it

Resolved, That Elmer E. Stanton be and is hereby made Drafting Bill Clerk of the House, and his duties shall be to assist in the drawing of bills, amendments, etc.

Mr. Shepherd moved to amend the resolution by adding thereto the words "and that he be allowed to employ three assistants."

Pending which,

Mr. Chamberlain offered the following substitute for the resolution:

Resolved, That each member of the House be permitted to employ a personal clerk and stenographer to assist him in his official duties.

Mr. Stewart moved that the substitute do lie on the table.

Which motion prevailed, and

The main resolution was laid on the table.

Mr. Eikhoff offered the following:

Resolved, That the Board of State Auditors are hereby requested and authorized to have an air shaft for ventilation connecting the toilet room of the House with the outside of the building, and that a copy of this resolution be sent by the Clerk to the Board of Auditors.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Goodell offered the following:

Whereas, This Legislature has passed a resolution setting forth that it is the duty of the members of the House to visit the institutions of the upper peninsula to better inform themselves as to their needs; therefore be it

Resolved, That at some future time a little attention ought to be paid to the great institutions of lower Michigan, where the mileage is not so great.

Which was adopted.

The Speaker announced as the special committee on fish interests under the resolution of yesterday, Messrs. Gustin, Niedermeier, Waterbury, Chamberlain and Caldwell.

On motion of Mr. Chamberlain,

Leave of absence was granted to Mr. Colvin indefinitely on account of sickness.

Mr. Heineman offered the following:

Resolved, That the Attorney General be requested to inform the House what, if any, service his office force can afford for the remainder of the time provided for the introduction of bills, to such members as may desire assistance in the drawing of bills.

Which was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Alward,

The House adjourned.

{ REPRESENTATIVE HALL, LANSING,

{ Wednesday, January 25, 1899.

The House met pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Chase.

Roll called: quorum present.

Absent without leave: Messrs Crosby, Dickinson, Keep, Niedermeier, Pack, Schmidt, Stewart and Wood.

On motion of of Mr. Shepherd,

Leave of absence was granted to all absentees for the day.

Mr. McKay moved to reconsider the vote by which the House adopted the following resolution:

Whereas, The upper peninsula is to no small extent a terra incognita to the members representing the districts in the lower peninsula, who must of necessity give thought and careful attention to the needs and resources of the portion of our State bordering the shores of Lake Superior,

Resolved, That it should be the duty as well as the privilege of each and every member of the House to join with the committees who have been specially designated to visit and inquire into the needs of the institutions located in that rapidly developing portion of the State; and be it further

Resolved, That all members who can do so shall make use of the opportunity thus afforded to familiarize themselves with the needs as well as the greatness of this our great State.

Mr. Burch moved that the motion to reconsider be laid on the table.

On which motion,

Mr. Howell demanded the yeas and nays.

The demand was seconded, and the motion did not prevail. by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Baumgärtner
Burch
Caldwell
Chamberlain
Chandler
Cheever
Colby
Eikhoff

Mr. Foster
Gillam
Goodyear
Gustin
Hatzenbuehler
Heck
Heineman
Kerr

Mr. McLean
McLeod
Murphy
Nevins
Soper
Stewart
Wayne

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NAYS.

Mr. Alward
Anderson
Babcock
Brownell
Bryan
Burdick
Buskirk

Mr. Hammond
Hart
Herrig
Hofmeister
Howell
Kingott
Locher

Mr. Robinson
Schmidt
Scully
Shepherd
Shisler
Stumpenhusen
Sutherland

Mr. Caldwell	Mr. Lusk	Mr. Van Camp
Davis	McCall	Waterbury
Doyle	McKay	Weier
Dudley	Mason	Wells
Duff	Moore	Weter
Fleischhauer	Nash	Wheeler
Gillette	Pearson	Whitney
Goodell	Randall	Wing
Goodrich	Read, J. H.	Woodruff
Gray	Reed, G. W.	Speaker
Hall	Reed, W. A.	
Lugers	Taziman	

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The question then being on the motion to reconsider the vote by which the resolution was adopted,

Mr. McKay demanded the yeas and nays.

The demand was seconded, and the motion prevailed, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Alward	Mr. Hall	Mr. Reed, G. W.
Babcock	Hammond	Reed, W. A.
Baumgaertner	Hart	Robinson
Brownell	Heck	Scully
Bryan	Hofmeister	Shepherd
Burkirk	Howell	Shisler
Buskirk	Kingott	Soper
Caldwell	Laflamboy	Stewart
Colby	Locher	Stumpenhusen
Colvin	Lugers	Taziman
Davis	Lusk	Van Camp
Doyle	McCall	Waterbury
Dudley	McKay	Wayne
Duff	Mason	Weier
Fleischhauer	Moore	Wells
Gillam	Murdoch	Weter
Gillette	Nash	Wheeler
Goodell	Pearson	Whitney
Goodrich	Phillips	Wing
Goodyear	Randall	Woodruff
Gray	Read, J. H.	Speaker
Gustin		

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NAYS.

Mr. Burch	Mr. Heineman	Mr. Murphy
Cheever	Kerr	Nevins
Eikhoff	McLean	Sutherland
Gordon	McLeod	

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The question then being on the adoption of the resolution,

Mr. Gillette
Goodell
Goodrich
Goodyear
Gray
Gustin

Mr. Nash
Pearson
Phillips
Randall
Read, J. H.

Mr. Wheeler
Whitney
Wing
Woodruff
Speaker

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NAYS.

Mr. Burch
Cheever
Eikhoff
Gordon

Mr. Heineman
Kerr
McLean
McLeod

Mr. Murphy
Nevins
Sutherland

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The question then being on the adoption of the resolution,

Mr. Colby offered the following substitute therefor:

Whereas, It would be beneath the dignity of, and very distasteful to the members representing the districts in the lower peninsula, who must of necessity give thought and careful attention to the needs and resources of that portion of our state bordering on the shores of Lake Superior; and

Whereas, It would be beneath the dignity of, and very distasteful to any member of this House on an occasion like this to accept from the State mileage, when through the generosity and magnanimity of the railroad officials of the State, they carry us free of charge; therefore be it

Resolved, That it shall be the duty as well as the privilege of each and every member of this House, who is so situated that he can do so, to join with and accompany the committees who have been specially designated to visit and inquire into the needs of the various State institutions located in that rapidly developing portion of the State known as the upper peninsula; and be it further

Resolved, That all members who can do so shall make use of the opportunity thus afforded to familiarize themselves with the needs as well as the greatness of this portion of our great State; and be it further

Resolved, That each and every member of this House, who in any capacity visits any or all of the institutions referred to in these resolutions during this session of the Legislature shall receive from the State as mileage therefor the actual amount of money expended by him for transportation while on said trip and no more, to be paid upon his filing with the Clerk of the House an affidavit stating the amount of such disbursements.

The question being on agreeing to the substitute,

Mr. Shepherd moved that the further consideration of the substitute be indefinitely postponed.

On which motion,

Mr. Colby demanded the yeas and nays.

The demand was seconded, and the motion prevailed, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Alward
Anderson
Brownell

Mr. Hammond
Hart
Hofmeister

Mr. Randall
Read, J. H.
Robinson

Mr. Burdick
 Buskirk
 Caldwell
 Collins
 Colvin
 Davis
 Doyle
 Dudley
 Duff
 Fleischhauer
 Gillam
 Gillette
 Goodrich
 Goodyear
 Gray
 Hall

Mr. Howell
 Keep
 Kingott
 Laflamboy
 Locher
 Lugers
 Lusk
 McCall
 McKay
 Moore
 Mason
 Murdoch
 Nash
 Nevins
 Phillips

Mr. Scully
 Shepherd
 Soper
 Taziman
 Van Camp
 Waterbury
 Wayne
 Weier
 Wells
 Weter
 Wheeler
 Whitney
 Wing
 Woodruff
 Speaker

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NAYS.

Mr. Babcock
 Bryan
 Burch
 Cheever
 Colby
 Eikhoff
 Goodell

Mr. Gustin
 Hatzenbuehler
 Heck
 Heineman
 McLean
 McLeod
 Murphy

Mr. Niedermeier
 Pearson
 Reed, W. A.
 Shisler
 Stewart
 Stumpenhusen
 Sutherland

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The indefinite postponement of the substitute carried the original resolution with it.

As this action was taken several hours before its receipt by the House of the message, there was no action of the House operative when it was received which was pertinent to the subject matter of the message, and we therefore recommend that further consideration of the message be indefinitely postponed.

F. SHEPHERD,
 Chairman.

JAMES SCULLY,
 JAMES M. DAVIS,
 GEO. P. M'CALLUM,
 A. W. KERR,
 BURTON L. HART,
 SHERMAN T. HANDY,
 Committee.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

Mr. Cheever sent to the Clerk's desk a report of the minority of the committee on Judiciary, relative to the Governor's message, with the request that it be received for consideration.

Mr. Shepherd objected to the reception of the report by the House until it should be read.

Mr. Cheever objected to the reading of the report until it had been received by the House.

After discussion the objection was withdrawn and the report was read.

After the reading the Speaker directed that the report be returned to Mr. Cheever, and made the ruling that,

A minority can make no report; a minority is allowed by courtesy to present its views in writing; the paper presented and read was a report, and cannot be received.

From this ruling Mr. Cheever appealed.

The question being,

Shall the judgment of the chair stand as the judgment of the House,

Mr. Cheever demanded the yeas and nays.

The demand was seconded, and pending discussion,

Mr. McKay moved that there be a call of the House.

Which motion prevailed.

The roll call developed the fact that there were no absentees without leave.

The Speaker directed that the bar of the House be closed.

The question again being stated,

Shall the judgment of the chair stand as the judgment of the House,

After discussion,

The appeal was withdrawn.

On motion of Mr. Lusk,

All further proceedings under the call were dispensed with.

Mr. Cheever presented an amended copy of the views of the minority to the House, and the paper was then received, and

On motion of Mr. Cheever the paper was ordered printed in the Journal.

The views of the minority as presented are as follows:

The undersigned, minority of the Judiciary committee, to whom was referred the message of the Governor relative to the junketing tour, and relative to a constitutional amendment fixing the salary of the legislators, beg leave to submit their view and recommendation:

First, As to that part of the message recommending the passage of a joint resolution submitting to the people a constitutional amendment fixing the salary of members of the Legislature at a fixed amount instead of leaving it as at present, we recommend that a joint resolution be passed submitting to the people a constitutional amendment to be voted upon at the coming April election fixing the salaries of the members of the Legislature at seven hundred and fifty dollars for each regular session and one hundred dollars for each special session;

Second, As to that portion of the message relating to the junketing trip, and the illegality of members drawing mileage and per diem while absent on the so called junketing tour, we beg leave to report that the message was received and placed upon the desk of the Clerk of the House before the so called junket resolution of the gentleman from Wayne, Mr. Burch, was reconsidered, although the message was not read to the House until some hours afterwards, and we therefore deem it proper that the message should receive upon this point due consideration by this committee and by the House.

We believe that the Governor's statement in the message that the payment of such per diem and mileage is illegal is true, and that such payment is forbidden by the constitution and statute, and that any expenses should be limited to the actual amount incurred.

The resolution was then adopted.

Mr. Colby offered the following:

Resolved, That the Clerk of the House be and hereby is requested to send to each person or organization, except notaries public, mentioned in the joint resolution regulating the sending out of Legislative Journals, the postal card contemplated by such resolution.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Lusk moved to take from the table the following report:

Your committee, to whom was referred the subject of stenographic reports for the House, beg leave to submit the following:

Your committee is able to determine more or less accurately the probable cost of adopting the stenographic feature, because of the fact that we have at hand and submit to you the cost of the House Journal for the special session of 1898. The cost of the daily House Journal during the special session was \$700 and the cost of the compiled or official House Journal for 1898 was \$685, a total of \$1,385. This eliminates the cost of stenographic work, as such services were furnished gratuitous. If this system is adopted of stenographically reporting the proceedings of the House from February 8, the date following our proposed adjournment, you can estimate about 100 days to complete the work of the session, or five times the length of the special session. Taking the figures already submitted, we would seem justified in determining the cost of the daily and compiled House Journal at five times that of 1898, or \$6,925.

Your committee has invited sealed bids and herewith present the same as a part of this report. Upon this basis said bidder to furnish full and complete stenographic report of all proceedings had on the floor of the House (with the exception of written resolutions or a call of the yeas and nays by the Clerk). Said report to be furnished the Clerk ready for editing the same so as to appear and be printed in the daily Journal of each day. The bids are based upon per diem service and also an aggregate amount covering the period in question. The lowest bid on the latter basis is \$3,500. The bidders also bid upon proposition of \$35.00 per day for six days per week, the transcribing and preparing copy to be an additional cost. We would recommend the acceptance of the lump sum bid at \$3,500. This would make the total cost of the House Journal for the present session as follows: For the daily and compiled House Journal, printing and binding, \$6,925, stenographic feature, \$3,500, a total of \$10,425.

Your committee have endeavored to ascertain the cost of the daily and compiled House Journal of the session of 1897. The daily Journal was a part of the Senate Journal, and the records do not indicate the separate cost for the House. The total cost for House and Senate was \$4,000, and we have estimated the cost of the House at \$2,700; the compiled Journal of that session cost \$2,800, or a total of \$5,500. Upon this basis the extra cost of the system embodied in the stenographic feature would be \$4,925. Your committee believe the estimate a conservative one at \$5,000 for the additional cost.

Your committee recommend that the stenographic feature for the remaining days of the session be adopted, and that the proper officers be authorized to enter into a contract with Mr. J. W. Stockwell on the basis of his bid at \$3,500, and that they require from said Mr. Stockwell a bond.

with proper sureties, for the faithful performance of his work; and further that said stenographer be and is hereby directed to report for duty on the convening of the House on February 8, prepared to carry out the provisions of his bid.

GEO. L. LUSK,
Chairman.

HENRY J. EIKHOFF,
J. W. SHISLER.

Which motion prevailed.

The question being on the adoption of the report,

Mr. McKay moved that the further consideration of the report be indefinitely postponed.

On which motion,

Mr. Lusk demanded the yeas and nays.

The demand was seconded, and

Pending discussion,

The motion was withdrawn.

The question again being on the adoption of the report,

Mr. Lusk demanded the yeas and nays.

The demand was seconded, and

Pending discussion,

Mr. Fleischhauer moved to amend the report by adding at the end thereof the words, "And one bound copy thereof shall be sent to each voter in the State."

Which motion did not prevail.

The question again being on the adoption of the report,

The report was then not adopted, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Aldrich

Burch

Caldwell

Carton

Chamberlain

Chandler

Cheever

Colby

Colvin

Davis

Dickinson

Dingley

Dudley

Mr. Duff

Eikhoff

Foster

Gillam

Goodyear

Gordon

Gustin

Handy

Hatzenbuehler

Heck

Herrig

Lusk

Mr. McCall

McCallum

McLeod

Mason

Moore

Murphy

Phillips

Shisler

Soper

Stewart

Taziman

Speaker

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NAYS.

Mr. Alward

Babcock

Baumgaertner

Bryan

Burdick

Mr. Hofmeister

Howell

Kelly

Kingott

Lafamboy

Mr. Rulison

Scully

Shepherd

Stumpfenhusen

Sutherland

Mr. Burfoot	Mr. Locher	Mr. Van Camp
Buskirk	Lugers	Waterbury
Collins	McKay	Weier
Doyle	Nash	Wells
Fleischbauer	Niedermeier	Weter
Gillette	Pack	Wheeler
Goodell	Randall	Whitney
Goodrich	Read, J. H.	Wing
Hall	Reed, G. W.	Wood
Hammond	Reed, W. A.	Woodruff

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Being the consideration of the following:

Concurrent resolution concerning the admission of B. H. Roberts to a seat as a member in the Congress of the United States from the State of Utah.

Whereas, A pure and righteous family is of the supremest importance to the welfare of the nation; and

Whereas, One of the darkest blots upon the history of our country has been the existence of polygamy within our territory, which the good citizenship of the nation has attempted for many years to stamp out, by religious and educational effort and by statutes of the national Legislature, especially those known as the Edmunds Law of 1882, and the Edmunds-Tucker law of 1887, and by the operation of the courts; and

Whereas, B. H. Roberts, who has been elected to the House of Representatives of the United States from the State of Utah, is a confessed polygamist and has stated, May, 1898, "Polygamy is not adultery; it must be not only not bad, but positively good, pure and holy;" and

Whereas, The admission of B. H. Roberts to a seat in the United States House of Representatives would be an encouragement to the polygamists whose evil practices the nation has been long striving to suppress; and

Whereas, The United States House of Representatives is the judge of the qualifications of its own members according to section 5, of article 1, of the constitution of the United States; therefore it is hereby

Resolved by the House (the Senate concurring), That we express to the Representatives in Congress from the various congressional districts of Michigan, that in our judgment for B. H. Roberts to be permitted to take his seat as a member of the Congress of the United States would be in conflict with all those standards of high civilization for which our nation stands, an offense to the good citizenship of the nation and contrary to sound public policy, and we recommend to the Representatives in Congress from the State of Michigan that for these reasons they vote against the seating of B. H. Roberts as a member of the national House of Representatives; and

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions, signed by the Lieutenant Governor and Speaker of the House, be sent to each Representative in Congress from this State.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution,

Mr. Kikhoff moved that the resolution do lie on the table.

Which motion did not prevail.

The question again being on the adoption of the resolution,
Mr. Scully demanded the yeas and nays.
The demand was seconded, and
Pending the calling of the roll,
On motion of Mr. Shepherd,
The resolution was referred to the committee on Federal Relations.
On motion of Mr. Kelly,
The House adjourned.

{ REPRESENTATIVE HALL, LANSING,
Wednesday, February 8, 1899.

The House met pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Puffer.

Roll called: quorum present.

Absent without leave: Messrs. Anderson, Brownell, Gray, Hart, Pearson, Reed.

On motion of Mr. Phillips,

Leave of absence was granted to all absentees for the day.

BILLS PRESENTED TO THE GOVERNOR.

By the Clerk:

I have to report that I have this day enrolled, compared and presented to the Governor,

House bill No. 49, entitled

An act to authorize the townships of Benton and Inverness in the county of Cheboygan to borrow money for the construction of a bridge over the Cheboygan river dividing said townships.

In accordance with the rules and order of the House: the receipt for the same being dated 1:25 o'clock p. m., February 8, 1899.

LEWIS M. MILLER,

Clerk of the House.

By the Clerk:

I have to report that I have this day enrolled, compared and presented to the Governor,

House bill No. 82, entitled

An act to authorize the Prosecuting Attorney for the county of Lapeer to appoint an Assistant Prosecuting Attorney and to prescribe his duties, powers and compensation.

In accordance with the rules and order of the House: the receipt for the same being dated 1:25 o'clock p. m., February 8, 1899.

LEWIS M. MILLER,

Clerk of the House.

The Speaker announced as the committee to investigate the work of the State printers and the payment for work done by them, by the Board of State Auditors, under the resolution of 7th inst., Messrs. McCallum, Burch, Gillam, Babcock and Watters.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS.

No. 33. By Mr. Fleischhauer: Petition of R. M. Johnson and 34 others asking for a law to prohibit the killing of deer for a term of five years in a certain part of this State.

Referred to the committee on Fisheries and Game.

No. 34. By Mr. J. H. Read: Petition of J. Jensen and 78 others asking for a law to prohibit the killing of deer for a term of five years in a certain part of this State.

Referred to the committee on Fisheries and Game.

No. 35. By Mr. J. H. Read: Petition of E. Kiuny and 16 others asking for a law to prohibit the killing of deer for a term of five years in a certain part of this State.

Referred to the committee on Fisheries and Game.

No. 36. By Mr. J. H. Read: Petition of Otto Bauman and 25 others asking for a law to prohibit the killing of deer for a term of five years in a certain part of this State.

Referred to the committee on Fisheries and Game.

No. 37. By Mr. Woodruff: Petition of Wm. Hummel and 29 others, residents of Isabella county, asking for a law to prohibit the killing of deer for a term of five years in a certain part of this State.

Referred to the committee on Fisheries and Game.

No. 38. By Mr. Woodruff: Petition of A. Tilman and 55 others, asking for a law to prohibit the killing of deer for a term of five years in a certain part of this State.

Referred to the committee on Fisheries and Game.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

By the committee on Education:

The committee on Education, to whom was referred
House bill No. 66, entitled

A bill to authorize school district No. 1 of the township of Portage, in the county of Houghton, to borrow money and issue bonds therefor, for the erection and furnishing of a school building in said district.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House with amendments thereto, recommending that the amendments be concurred in, and that the bill when so amended do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

J. W. SHISLER,

Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The question being on concurring in the amendments made by the committee to the bill,

The House concurred.

Pending the order that the bill be printed, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order,

On motion of Mr. Rulison,

The rules were suspended, two-thirds of all the members present voting therefor, and the bill was put upon its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Aldrich	Mr. Goodyear	Mr. Niedermeier
Alward	Gordon	Oberdorffer
Babcock	Gustin	Pack
Baumgärtner	Hall	Phillips
Bryan	Hammond	Randall
Burch	Handy	Read, J. H.
Burdick	Hatzenbuhler	Reed, W. A.
Burfoot	Heck	Robinson
Buskirk	Heineman	Rulison
Caldwell	Herrig	Schmidt
Carton	Hofmeister	Scully
Chamberlain	Howell	Shepherd
Chandler	Keep	Shisler
Cheever	Kelly	Soper
Collins	Kingott	Stewart
Colvin	Lafamboy	Stumpenhusen
Crosby	Locher	Sutherland
Davis	Lugers	Taziman
Dickinson	Lusk	Van Camp
Dingley	McCall	Waterbury
Doyle	McCallum	Watters
Dudley	McKay	Weier
Duff	McLean	Wells
Eikhoff	McLeod	Weter
Fleischhauer	Mason	Wheeler
Foster	Moore	Whitney
Gillam	Murdoch	Wing
Gillette	Murphy	Wood
Goodell	Nash	Woodruff
Goodrich	Nevins	Speaker

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NAYS.

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Rulison,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

By the committee on Towns and Counties:

The committee on Towns and Counties, to whom was referred

House bill No. 156, entitled

A bill to vacate the townships of Blaine, Grove, Ball, and Center Plains, in the county of Crawford, and to incorporate the territory comprised therein with the townships of Maple Forest, South Branch, Beaver Creek, and Grayling, in said county.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, without

amendment and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

CHAS. E. WHITNEY,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

Pending the order that the bill be printed, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order,

On motion of Mr. Gustin,

The rules were suspended, two-thirds of all the members present voting therefor, and the bill was put upon its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Aldrich	Mr. Gustin	Mr. Pack
Alward	Hall	Phillips
Babcock	Hammond	Randall
Baumgaertner	Handy	Read, J. H.
Bryan	Hatzenbuehler	Reed, G. W.
Burdick	Heck	Reed, W. A.
Buskirk	Heineman	Robinson
Caldwell	Herrig	Rulison
Carton	Hofmeister	Schmidt
Chamberlain	Howell	Scully
Chandler	Keep	Shepherd
Cheever	Kelly	Shisler
Colby	Kingott	Soper
Colvin	Lafamboy	Stewart
Crosby	Locher	Stumpenhusen
Davis	Locher	Sutherland
Dickinson	Lusk	Taziman
Dingley	McCall	Van Camp
Doyle	McCallum	Waterbury
Dudley	McKay	Watters
Duff	McLean	Wayne
Eikhoff	McLeod	Weier
Fleischhauer	Mason	Wells
Foster	Moore	Weter
Gillam	Murdoch	Wheeler
Gillette	Murphy	Whitney
Goodell	Nash	Wing
Goodrich	Nevins	Wood
Goodyear	Niedermeier	Woodruff
Gordon	Oberdorffer	Speaker

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NAYS

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Gustin,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

By the committee on Towns and Counties:

The committee on Towns and Counties, to whom was referred House bill No. 155, entitled

A bill to vacate the township of Wheatfield, in the county of Montmorency, Mich., and to incorporate the territory comprised therein in the township of Vienna, in the county of Montmorency, Michigan.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, without amendment and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

C. E. WHITNEY,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

Pending the order that the bill be printed, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

On motion of Mr. Gustin,

The rules were suspended, two-thirds of all the members present voting therefor, and the bill was put upon its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Aldrich	Mr. Gordon	Mr. Oberdorffer
Alward	Gustin	Pack
Babcock	Hall	Phillips
Baumgaertner	Hammond	Randall
Bryan	Handy	Read, J. H.
Burdick	Hatzenbuehler	Reed, W. A.
Burfoot	Heck	Robinson
Buskirk	Heineman	Rulison
Caldwell	Hofmeister	Schmidt
Carton	Howell	Scully
Chamberlain	Keep	Shepherd
Chandler	Kelly	Shisler
Cheever	Kingott	Soper
Colby	Laflamboy	Stewart
Collins	Locher	Stumpenhusen
Colvin	Lugers	Sutherland
Crosby	Lusk	Taziman
Davis	McCall	Van Camp
Dickinson	McCallum	Waterbury
Dingley	McKay	Watters
Doyle	McLean	Wayne
Dudley	McLeod	Weier
Duff	Mason	Wells
Eikhoff	Moore	Weter
Fleischhauer	Murdoch	Whitney
Gillam	Murphy	Wing
Gillette	Nash	Wood
Goodell	Nevins	Woodruff
Goodrich	Niedermeier	Speaker
Goodyear		

NAYS.

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Gustin,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

By the committee on Supplies and Expenditures:

The committee on Supplies and Expenditures, to whom was referred the request of the chairman of the several committees occupying room K, asking for a roller top desk for the care and preservation of the records and papers in the hands of said committees,

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration and have directed me to recommend to the House the purchase of a desk similar to the one now in Room M; and farther to recommend that when the same shall be procured and in place, the Clerk be directed to draw an order therefor in payment for same.

J. H. DICKINSON,

Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The question being on the adoption of the report,

The report was adopted.

The committee on Supplies and Expenditures have had placed before them and have considered the following bills:

Americanus Water Company, water supplied for the month of January	\$3 50
The Hall Lumber Company, one case for blanks for Clerk's office.	8 00
H. H. Larned, one vase for Speaker's desk.....	1 50
Smith Premier Typewriter Company, one Smith Premier typewriter, No. 2 28973, B and C.....	90 00

And respectfully recommend that the several bills be allowed and ordered paid.

J. H. DICKINSON,

Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The question being on the adoption of the report,

The report was adopted, and the several bills allowed and ordered paid.

By the committee on Towns and Counties:

The committee on Towns and Counties, to whom was referred

House bill No. 16, entitled

A bill to protect sidewalks and side paths, and to provide a penalty for its violation.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to request of the House that the bill be printed for the use of the committee.

C. E. WHITNEY,

Chairman.

Report accepted.

The question being on ordering the bill printed for the use of the committee,

The House so ordered.

By the Special Committee, to whom was referred House bill No. 3:

The Special Committee, to whom was referred

House bill No. 3 (file No. 1), entitled

A bill to provide for the assessment and levy of taxes upon the property of railroad companies, express companies, telegraph companies, and telephone companies, and the collection thereof, and the designation and election of a State Board of Assessors to make such assessment and levy, and defining the duties of such board, and the compensation of its members, and to repeal all other acts or parts of acts, whether in the acts for incorporation of union railroad station and depot grounds, or any other law of this State, so far as such acts or parts of acts are inconsistent with this act, and no further, and to apply the taxes assessed and collected under this bill to pay "the interest upon the primary school, university and other educational funds and the interest and principal of the State debt, in the order herein recited, until the extinguishment of the State debt, other than amounts due to educational funds, when such taxes to be collected under this act be added to, and constitute a part of the primary school interest fund."

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House without recommendation, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

HENRY M. CHEEVER,

Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Cheever,

The bill was ordered referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the special order for Tuesday, February 14 next.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR.

The Speaker announced the following:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Lansing, February 7, 1899.

To the House of Representatives:

I transmit herewith a copy of a concurrent resolution and memorial of the Senate and House of Representatives, of the State of North Dakota, to the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States, asking for the election of a United States Senator by a direct vote of the people.

I am requested by this resolution to lay it before you to be by you approved, at your discretion, and notice of such approval to be communicated, when given, to the Senators and Representatives from Michigan to the Congress of the United States.

Yours respectfully,

H. S. PINGREE,
Governor.

The message was ordered spread on the Journal.

On motion of Mr. Eikhoff,

The resolutions transmitted were referred to the committee on State Affairs.

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.

The Speaker announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, February 7, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed by the Senate to transmit to the House the following concurrent resolution:

Resolved by the Senate (the House concurring), That we extend to President McKinley our sincere congratulations on the ratification of the Peace Treaty now so happily consummated on terms honorable to our government and generous to the vanquished foe.

Resolved further, That we extend to Senators McMillan and Burrows our hearty appreciation of their aid in consummating the result.

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate and Clerk of the House be and are hereby instructed to forward to President McKinley and to our Senators a certified copy of these resolutions.

Which has been adopted by the Senate, and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

CHARLES S. PIERCE,
Secretary of the Senate.

The question being on concurring in the adoption of the resolution,
The resolution was adopted.

NOTICES.

Mr. Buskirk gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to make an appropriation for the support of the State Agricultural College, for the erection of buildings, for the repair of buildings, sewers and waterworks, for the improvement of buildings and for other improvements at said college.

Mr. Buskirk gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill for the protection of fish in the Kalamazoo river and its tributaries.

Mr. Dingley gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill entitled an act to provide for the taxation of certain transfers of property by gift, grant, inheritance, devise or bequest.

Mr. Dingley gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill entitled an act to amend act No. 475 of the local acts of 1897 to re-incorporate the city of Kalamazoo and to repeal an act entitled "An act to incorporate the city of Kalamazoo," and to repeal an act entitled "An act to reincorporate the village of Kalamazoo, and to repeal all inconsistent acts and parts of acts approved March 15, 1861, as amended by the several acts amendatory thereof," approved June 8, 1883, as amended by the several acts amendatory thereof, and to repeal all inconsistent acts and parts of acts.

Mr. Dingley gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill entitled an act to provide for the taxation of incomes derived from any kinds of property, rents, interest, dividends or salaries, or from any profession, trade, employment or vocation carried on in the State of Michigan.

Mr. Dingley gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill entitled an act to amend section five (5) of act No. 135 of the public acts of Michigan of 1895, entitled "An act to provide for the holding of primaries in cities of not less than 15,000 inhabitants, and to punish frauds thereon, and by delegates elected thereat, and the corruption and attempted corruption of such delegates."

Mr. Moore gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to provide for the incorporation of bicycle path and way clubs and associations, and for the protection of the property of same.

Mr. Woodruff gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend section 5 of chapter 31, of act No. 215 of the public acts of 1895, entitled "An act to provide for the incorporation of cities of the fourth class."

Mr. Gordon gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend section No. 20 of chapter No. 2, of the public acts of 1881 relative to school districts, the same being section No. 5052 of Howell's annotated statutes.

Mr. Gillette gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend section 18 of act No. 206 of the public acts of 1893, entitled "An act to provide for the assessment of property and the levy and collection of taxes thereon, and for the collection of taxes heretofore and hereafter levied; making such taxes a lien on the lands taxed, establishing and continuing such lien, providing for the sale and conveyance of lands delinquent for taxes, and for the inspection and disposition of lands bid off to the State and not redeemed or purchased; and to repeal act No. 200 of the public acts of 1891, and all other acts and parts of acts in anywise contravening any of the provisions of this act."

Mr. Schmidt gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to authorize the Board of Supervisors of the county of Saginaw to purchase and maintain the State road bridge across the Tittabawassee river in the county of Saginaw, and the approaches and appurtenances thereto, and to issue bonds for that purpose.

Mr. Goodell gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to prohibit the buying, selling and dealing in grain, stocks, bonds, securities, provisions and other commodities where the persons so buying, selling and dealing do not intend to receive or deliver the same, and are not at the time in the possession and control thereof, and prohibiting the keeping and maintaining of places for the purpose of carrying on or

transacting such business and fixing the penalties for the violations of the provisions of this act.

Mr. Hall gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to provide for an amendment of section 2 of act No. 175 of public acts of 1897, relative to changing the name of the Michigan State Normal School.

Mr. Heineman gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend sections 4 and 25 of chapter 83 of the compiled laws of 1871, as amended by act No. 52 of the session laws of 1872, approved March 29, 1872, being compiler's sections 3755 and 3775 of Howell's annotated statutes, as amended by act No. 184 of the session laws of 1889, approved June 22, 1889, relative to the formation of corporations for the purpose of engaging in commerce and navigation.

Mr. Crosby gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend section 6 of act No. 304, session laws of 1887, entitled "An act to provide a general law under which corporations may be formed to carry on printing, publishing and book making, and any or either of them," approved June 28, 1887, being compiler's section 4205f of chapter 129a of volume 3 of Howell's annotated statutes of the State of Michigan.

Mr. Heineman gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend section 47 of chapter 12 of an act entitled "An act to provide a charter for the city of Detroit, and to repeal all acts and parts of acts in conflict therewith," approved June 7, 1883, as amended by the several acts amendatory thereof, and to repeal all acts or parts of acts inconsistent herewith.

Mr. Carton gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend sections 1, 15 and 30 of chapter 131 of Howell's annotated statutes of the State of Michigan, being "An act in relation to life insurance companies transacting business within this State as heretofore amended."

Mr. Carton gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend act No. 50 of the public acts of 1887, entitled "An act to provide for the incorporation and regulation of certain corporations, generally known as building and loan associations," by adding one new section thereto to be known as section 35.

Mr. Carton gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend sections 10, 12, 55, 69, 93, 94, 95, 96 and 104 of act No. 400 of the local acts of 1897, entitled "An act to revise and amend the charter of the city of Flint."

Mr. Carton gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend sections 4, 8, 22 and 23 of act No. 205 of the public acts of 1877, entitled "An act to provide for the incorporation of societies for the receiving, loaning and investing of money."

Mr. Carton gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill authorizing school district boards, boards of trustees of graded schools and boards of education in cities, to establish and maintain day schools for the deaf and authorizing payment therefor from the primary school interest fund.

Mr. Herrig gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to provide for the location and establishment and organization of an additional asylum for the insane.

Mr. Herrig gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to regulate express companies and transportation companies.

Mr. Rulison gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill making an appropriation providing for the current expenses for the School for the Deaf for the years 1899 and 1900, and the erection of a building and equipment thereof and other necessary expenses.

Mr. Hall gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to regulate the action of traction engines traveling upon public highways.

Mr. McLeod gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to fix the hours during which the polls of election shall be kept open on all election days in the city of Detroit.

Mr. McCall gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend sections 5 and 8 of chapter 29 of Howell's annotated statutes, being compiler's sections 1416 and 1423 of Howell's annotated statutes, relative to highways, bridges, private roads and fences.

Mr. McCall gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to provide for the protection of persons operating threshing machines, and to give them liens on the grain or other farm products threshed, for the amount of the threshing bill.

Mr. McCall gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend section 23 of act No. 135 of the public acts of 1885, entitled "An act to amend, revise and consolidate the laws organizing asylums for the insane, and regulating the care and management thereof, and the inmates therein, and to repeal act 164, laws of 1859; also act 194, laws of 1877; also act 91, laws of 1873, and the acts amendatory thereto, also act 172, laws of 1873," approved June 3, 1885.

Mr. McCall gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to provide for the payment of physicians, jurors and witnesses in hearings in probate court, upon application to admit insane persons to the insane asylums of this State.

Mr. McCall gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to provide that the State, county or municipality shall have a claim against insane persons and the estate of deceased insane persons who have been supported at the public expense in the asylums of this State.

Mr. Chandler gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend section 24 of act No. 206 of the session laws of 1893, entitled "An act to provide for the assessment of property and the levy and collection of taxes thereon, and for the collection of taxes heretofore and hereafter levied; making such taxes a lien on the lands taxed, establishing and continuing such lien, providing for the sale and conveyance of lands delinquent for taxes, and for the inspection and disposition of lands bid off to the State and not redeemed or purchased; and to repeal Act No. 200 of the public acts of 1891. and all other acts and parts of acts in anywise contravening any of the provisions of this act," being section 3847 of the compiled laws of 1897.

Mr. Fleischhauer gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to prohibit the mixing of oat hulls with ground grain or feed.

Mr. Fleischhauer gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to prevent persons from unlawfully wearing the button of the Grand Army of the Republic in this State.

Mr. Colvin gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to provide for public ingress and egress to and from railroad depots and steamboat landings.

Mr. Soper gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to regulate the width of bridges, culverts, etc.

Mr. Kelly gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to prevent the forfeiture of life insurance policies and providing the manner and method of determining the values thereof and other matters relating thereto.

Mr. McLeod gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend sections 5 and 47 of act No. 190, of the public acts of 1891, entitled "An act to prescribe the manner of conducting, and to prevent fraud and deception at elections in this State and to repeal all acts and parts of acts contravening the provisions of this act."

Mr. McLeod gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend section 35 of act 478, of the local acts of 1895, entitled "An act to amend and revise chapters 1 and 2 of an act entitled an act to provide a charter for the city of Detroit and to repeal all acts and parts of acts in conflict therewith," approved June 7, 1893, and to repeal all acts and parts of acts contravening the provisions of this act.

Mr. Fleischhauer gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend section 3 of article 3 of act 198, session laws of 1873, as amended by act 45, public acts of 1879, as amended by act 174, public

acts of 1891, as amended by act 129, public acts of 1893, as amended by act 228, public acts of 1897, entitled "An act to revise the law providing for the incorporation of railroad companies and to regulate the running and management and to fix the duties and liabilities of all said roads and other corporations, owning and operating any railroad in the State," approved May 1, 1873, being compiler's section 3360, Howell's annotated statutes of Michigan.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

Mr. Crosby, unanimous consent being given, introduced
House bill No. 158, entitled

A bill to amend section 6 of act No. 304, session laws of 1897, entitled "An act to provide a general law under which corporations may be formed to carry on printing, publishing and book making, and any or either of them," approved June 28, 1887, being compiler's section 4205f of chapter 129a, of volume 3 of Howell's annotated statutes of the State of Michigan.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Crosby,

The rules were suspended, two-thirds of all the members present voting therefor, and the bill was put upon its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time, and

Pending the taking of the vote thereon,

Mr. Fleischhauer moved that the bill be referred to the committee on Judiciary.

Which motion prevailed.

The bill was then referred to the committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Lusk, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 159, entitled

A bill to detach certain territory from the city of West Bay City, in the county of Bay, and attach the same to the township of Bangor, in said county.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Lusk,

The rules were suspended, two-thirds of all the members present voting therefor, and the bill was put upon its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Aldrich
Alward
Anderson
Babcock
Baumgärtner
Bryan
Burch

Mr. Goodyear
Gordon
Hall
Hammond
Handy
Hatzenbuhler
Heck

Mr. Pack
Phillips
Randall
Read, J. H.
Reed, G. W.
Reed, W. A.
Robinson

Mr. Burdick	Mr. Heineman	Mr. Rulison
Burfoot	Herrig	Schmidt
Buskirk	Hofmeister	Scully
Caldwell	Howell	Shepherd
Carton	Keep	Shisler
Chandler	Kelly	Soper
Cheever	Kingott	Stewart
Colby	Laflamboy	Stumpenhusen
Collins	Locher	Sutherland
Colvin	Lugers	Taziman
Crosby	Lusk	Van Camp
Davis	McCall	Waterbury
Dingley	McCallum	Watters
Doyle	McKay	Weier
Duff	Mason	Wells
Eikhoff	Moore	Weter
Fleischhauer	Murdoch	Wheeler
Foster	Murphy	Whitney
Gillam	Nash	Wing
Gillette	Nevins	Wood
Goodell	Niedermeier	Woodruff
Goodrich	Oberdorffer	Speaker

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NAYS.

Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Lusk,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

Mr. Alward, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 160, entitled

A bill to provide for the examination, licensing and registration of physicians, and to repeal act No. 67, laws of 1883, entitled "An act to promote public health," as amended by act No. 268, laws of 1887, being chapter 72b, Howell's annotated statutes.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Public Health.

Mr. Lusk, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 161, entitled

A bill to provide for the registration of physicians and surgeons, and to repeal acts and parts of acts in conflict therewith.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Public Health.

Mr. Lusk, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 162, entitled

A bill to provide for the assessment, levy and collection of taxes upon the property of railroad companies, telegraph companies, telephone companies and express companies; the establishment and election of a State

Board of Assessors to make such assessment and levy, and the defining and fixing of the duties and compensation of said board; the disposition of said taxes after they shall have been collected; and to repeal all acts and parts of acts in anywise inconsistent with or contravening any of the provisions of this act.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on General Taxation.

Mr. Lusk, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 163, entitled

A bill to amend act No. 206 of the session laws of 1893, as amended, by amending sections 18, 23, 24, 29, 30 and 33, and by inserting five sections between sections 23 and 24, to be known as sections 23a, 23b, 23c, 23d and 23e; said act being entitled "An act to provide for the assessment of property and the levy and collection of taxes thereon, and for the collection of taxes heretofore and hereafter levied; making such taxes a lien on the lands taxed, establishing and continuing such lien, providing for the sale and conveyance of the lands delinquent for taxes and for the inspection and disposition of lands bid off to the State and not redeemed or purchased; and to repeal act No. 200 of the public acts of 1891, and all other acts and parts of acts in anywise contravening any of the provisions of this act," approved June 1, 1893.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on General Taxation.

Mr. Burch, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 164, entitled

A bill to amend sections 3 and 6 of an act entitled "An act to establish the police court of the city of Detroit and to repeal all acts or parts of acts inconsistent therewith," being acts No. 161 of the session laws of 1895.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on City Corporations.

Mr. Whitney, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 165, entitled

A bill to amend section 18 of chapter 9 of act No. 3 of the public acts of 1895, being "An act to provide for the incorporation of villages within the State of Michigan, and defining their powers and duties."

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Village Corporations.

Mr. Handy, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 166, entitled

A bill to amend sections 6 and 7 of act No. 53, of the public acts of 1877, entitled "An act to provide for the better support of teachers' institutes, and to repeal sections 3789, 3790 and 3791 of the compiled laws of 1871," said sections 6 and 7 being sections 4844 and 4845 of the compiled laws of 1897.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Education.

Mr. Handy, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 167, entitled

A bill to vacate the office of overseers of highways of the township of Stambaugh in the county of Iron, and to authorize the commissioners of highways to perform the duties thereof.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Towns and Counties.

Mr. Goodrich, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 168, entitled

A bill to promote the public health by providing for an annual public meeting in townships, cities and villages; for the creation of local funds for public health purposes; and for better official information to tax payers, relative to the sources of danger to the public health, and relative to the costs and results of proper and effective public health work.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Public Health.

Mr. Goodrich, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 169, entitled

A bill making an appropriation for the use of the State Board of Health for general purposes for the promotion of the public health.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Public Health.

Mr. McLeod, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 170, entitled

A bill to require every person, partnership or corporation, owning or operating a street railway, the cars of which are propelled by electricity, steam, or cable power, to equip every motor car maintained and operated by them with an air brake, and to repeal all acts and parts of acts contravening the provisions of this act.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Labor.

Mr. McLean, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 171, entitled

A bill to amend section 9 of an act entitled "An act to establish a bridge district in Bay county, and to provide for the appointment and election of commissioners, and for the construction, care and maintenance of bridges therein," approved January 28, 1889, being local act No. 278, as amended by act No. 356 of the local acts of 1891.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Towns and Counties.

Mr. Foster, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 172, entitled

A bill to amend sections 4 and 6 of act No. 171 of the laws of 1893, entitled "An act to regulate the construction of the tracks of railroads and street railroads across each other, and the stringing of wires, electric or other, over railroad tracks and railroads, and the maintenance of such

tracks heretofore constructed, and the wires heretofore so strung," approved May 31, 1893.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Railroads.

Mr. Foster, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 173, entitled

A bill to repeal act No. 113 of the laws of 1846, entitled "An act to authorize the sale of the Southern railroad, and to incorporate the Michigan Southern railroad," approved May 9, 1896, and all acts amendatory thereto, and to authorize the incorporation of said railroad company under the general railroad laws of the State and to preserve its rights and liabilities.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Railroads.

Mr. Foster, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 174, entitled

A bill to repeal an act entitled "An act to incorporate the Detroit and Pontiac Railroad Company," approved March 7, 1834, and an act to incorporate the Oakland and Ottawa Railroad Company, approved April 3, 1848, and act No. 140 of the laws of 1855, entitled "An act to authorize the consolidation of the Detroit and Pontiac and the Oakland and Ottawa Railroad companies, so as to form a continuous line from Detroit to Lake Michigan, under the name of the Detroit and Milwaukee Railroad Company," approved February 13, 1855, and all acts or parts of acts amendatory to the foregoing acts.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Railroads.

Mr. Foster, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 175, entitled

A bill to repeal act No. 42 of the session laws of 1846, and all acts amendatory thereto, entitled "An act to authorize the sale of the Central Railroad, and to incorporate the Michigan Central Railroad Company," approved March 28, 1846, and to grant authority and fix the manner in which said Michigan Central Railroad Company may sue the State of Michigan for any claim for damages on account of said repeal, and to make provision for the payment thereof, and to authorize the incorporation of said railroad company under the general railroad laws of this State, and to preserve its rights and liabilities.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Railroads.

Mr. Foster, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 176, entitled

A bill to amend section 23 of act No. 79 of the laws of 1873, entitled "An act to provide for the appointment of a commissioner of railroads, and to define his powers and duties, and fix his compensation," approved April 10, 1873, as amended by act 62 of the laws of 1879.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Railroads.

Mr. Pack, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 177, entitled

A bill to provide relief outside of the Soldiers' Home for honorably discharged indigent soldiers, sailors and marines, and the indigent wives, widows and minor children of such indigent or deceased soldiers, sailors and marines, and to repeal act No. 193 of the public acts of 1889, as amended by act No. 2 of the public acts of 1893, and act No. 253 of the public acts of 1895.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Soldiers' Home.

Mr. Hatzenbuehler, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 178, entitled

A bill to amend subdivision 3 of section 14 of act No. 206 of the public acts of 1893, entitled "An act to provide for the assessment of property and the levy and collection of taxes thereon, and for the collection of taxes heretofore and hereafter levied; making such taxes a lien on the lands taxed, establishing and continuing such lien, providing for the sale and conveyance of lands delinquent for taxes, and for the inspection and disposition of lands bid off to the State, and not redeemed or purchased; and to repeal act No. 200 of the public acts of 1891, and all other acts and parts of acts in anywise contravening any of the provisions of this act."

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on General Taxation.

Mr. Goodell, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 179, entitled

A bill to regulate the construction of the tracks of street and inter-urban railways in highways, not included within the limits of the incorporated cities and villages of this State.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Private Corporations.

Mr. Goodell, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 180, entitled

A bill to amend an act entitled "An act to provide for the incorporation of villages within the State of Michigan, and defining their powers and duties," approved February 19, 1895.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Village Corporations.

Mr. Goodyear, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

Joint resolution No. 181, entitled

A joint resolution directing the State Board of Pharmacy to reinstate E. J. Covey to full membership as a registered pharmacist.

The joint resolution was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on State Affairs.

Mr. McCall, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 182, entitled

A bill to protect heirs of depositors in savings banks, incorporated banks and trust companies.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Chandler, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 183, entitled

A bill to provide for the registration of physicians and surgeons, and to repeal all acts and parts of acts in conflict therewith.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Public Health.

Mr. Dickinson, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 184, entitled

A bill to abolish the Board of Water Commissioners of the city of Detroit, and to transfer their powers and duties to the Board of Public Works of Detroit, their property and assets to the city of Detroit.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on City Corporations.

Mr. Dickinson, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 185, entitled

A bill to amend section 5 of an act entitled "An act to amend the laws relative to supplying the city of Detroit with pure and wholesome water," approved February 14, 1853, and to repeal all acts or parts of acts in conflict therewith.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on City Corporations.

Mr. Lugers, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 186, entitled

A bill to amend section 32 of chapter 42, of Howell's annotated statutes, being compiler's section 1786, relative to the support and maintenance of poor persons.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Towns and Counties.

Mr. Lugers, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 187, entitled

A bill to repeal act 285, laws of 1897, entitled "An act to provide for the lawful taking of German carp from the waters of Black River Lake, also known as Macatawa Bay, in Ottawa county, and from the streams tributary thereto."

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Fisheries and Game.

Mr. Davis, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 188, entitled

A bill to amend section 5 of act No. 137, of the public acts of 1897, entitled "An act to prevent the introduction or spread of San Jose scale or other injurious insects, or infectious diseases of trees, vines, shrubs or plants grown in this State or imported from other states, provinces or countries," approved May 13, 1897.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Horticulture.

Mr. Chamberlain, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 189, entitled

A bill to amend act No. 48 of the session laws of 1897, entitled "An act to provide for the encouragement of the manufacture of beet sugar and to provide a compensation therefor and to make an appropriation therefor."

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on State Affairs.

Mr. Burfoot, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 190, entitled

A bill to confer upon the city of Grand Rapids local legislative administrative powers and to repeal all acts and parts of acts in conflict therewith.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on City Corporations.

Mr. Burfoot, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 191, entitled

A bill to amend section 3 of act No. 119, of the public acts of 1891, being "An act authorizing the introduction of the kindergarten method in the public schools of this State."

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Education.

Mr. Scully, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 192, entitled

A bill to amend section 4 of act No. 93 of the public acts of 1897, entitled "An act to amend sections 1, 4 and 5 of an act entitled 'An act to regulate the admission to practice of attorneys, solicitors and counselors. to provide for a board of examiners and to repeal conflicting acts,' " being act No. 205 of the public acts of 1895.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Crosby, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 193, entitled

A bill to authorize and prescribe the manner of issuing licenses for the preparation for transportation of the bodies of human beings dead from communicable diseases.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Public Health.

Mr. Burdick, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 194, entitled

A bill to amend act No. 141 of the public acts of 1885, entitled "An act to authorize the use of condemned State arms by the organization known as the 'Sons of Veterans,' " approved June 5, 1885, being sections 411a and 411b of Howell's annotated statutes.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Weier, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 195, entitled

A bill to provide for the assessment and levy of taxes upon the property of railroad companies, express companies, telegraph companies and telephone companies and the collection thereof, and the designation of proper officers to make such assessments and levy and defining the duties of such board and the compensation of its members and to repeal all other acts or parts of acts whether in acts of incorporation of union railroad stations and depot grounds, or any other law of this State so far as such acts or parts of acts are inconsistent with this act and no further.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Railroads.

Mr. Sutherland, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 196, entitled

A bill to amend section 2 of act No. 147 of the public acts of 1891, being an act entitled "An act to provide for the election of a county commissioner of schools, for the appointment of school examiners and to define the duties and to fix the compensation for the same, and to repeal all existing acts or parts of acts conflicting with the provisions of this act."

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Education.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Gillam offered the following:

Whereas, It seems advisable that the debates and arguments upon railroad bills now pending before this House should receive the widest publicity, and inasmuch as accuracy in such reports is of first importance, both from a public standpoint as well as from the standpoint of the members of this House participating in such debates; therefore be it

Resolved, That an official House stenographer shall be hired for the period of such discussion, and that a special committee of three be appointed by the Speaker to procure the services of a stenographer on the best terms possible, such stenographer to furnish his own assistants, but for the purpose of transcribing the notes of said stenographers the services of the regular House clerks shall be at his disposal.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution,

Mr. Burdick moved that the resolution do lie on the table.

On which motion,

Mr. Heineman demanded the yeas and nays.

The demand was seconded, and the motion did not prevail, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Burch
Burdick

Mr. Laflamboy
Locker

Mr. Schmidt
Shepherd

Mr. Collins	Mr. McKay	Mr. Soper
Dudley	McLean	Stumpenhusen
Fleischhauer	Murdoch	Sutherland
Gillette	Niedermeier	Van Camp
Goodyear	Pack	Whitney
Hall	Randall	Wing
Howell	Reed, W. A.	Wood
Keep	Reed, G. W.	Woodruff
Kelly	Robinson	

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NAYS.

Mr. Aldrich	Mr. Doyle	Mr. Moore
Alward	Duff	Murphy
Babcock	Eikhoff	Nash
Baumgärtner	Gillam	Nevins
Bryan	Goodrich	Oberdorffer
Burfoot	Gordon	Phillips
Buskirk	Hammond	Scully
Caldwell	Handy	Shisler
Carton	Hatzenbuehler	Stewart
Chamberlain	Heck	Taziman
Chandler	Heineman	Waterbury
Cheever	Herrig	Watters
Colby	Kingott	Wayne
Colvin	Lugers	Weier
Crosby	Lusk	Wells
Davis	McCall	Weter
Dickinson	McCallum	Speaker
Dingley	McLeod	

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The question again being on the adoption of the resolution,
Mr. Alward moved that the further consideration of the resolution be indefinitely postponed.

On which motion,

Mr. Alward demanded the yeas and nays.

The demand was seconded, and the motion prevailed by yeas and nays as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Alward	Mr. Kelly	Mr. Robinson
Babcock	Kingott	Rulison
Baumgärtner	Laflamboy	Schmidt
Burch	Locher	Shepherd
Burdick	Lugers	Soper
Buskirk	McCallum	Stumpenhusen
Davis	McKay	Sutherland
Dudley	McLean	Taziman
Fleischhauer	Murdoch	Van Camp
Gillette	Nash	Wells

Mr. Goodyear
Hall
Hammond
Hofmeister
Howell
Keep

Mr. Niedermeier
Pack
Randall
Read, J. H.
Reed, G. W.
Reed, W. A.

Mr. Weter
Whitney
Wing
Wood
Woodruff
Speaker

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NAYS.

Mr. Aldrich
Bryan
Burfoot
Caldwell
Carton
Chamberlain
Chandler
Cheever
Colby
Collins
Colvin
Crosby
Dickinson
Dingley

Mr. Doyle
Duff
Eikhoff
Foster
Gillam
Goodrich
Gordon
Gustin
Handy
Hatzenbuehler
Heck
Heineman
Herrig
Lusk

Mr. McLeod
Moore
Murphy
Nevins
Oberdorffer
Phillips
Scully
Shisler
Stewart
Waterbury
Watters
Wayne
Weier

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Mr. Chamberlain offered the following:

Resolved, That the committee of the whole and all general and special committees having before them any measure or measures bearing upon the subject of taxation be discharged from the further consideration of the same, and that all of said measures be referred to a joint committee to be composed of the standing committees upon Private Corporations, Railroads and General Taxation.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution,

Mr. Shepherd moved to amend the resolution by adding to the three committees to form the joint committee, Messrs. Cheever, Crosby and Scully.

Which was accepted.

The question being again on the adoption of the resolution,

Pending discussion,

Mr. Stewart moved that there be a call of the House.

Which motion prevailed.

PROCEEDINGS UNDER THE CALL.

The roll of the House was called by the Clerk, and no members were reported absent without leave.

The bar of the House being closed,

The discussion of the pending question was continued.

Pending the taking of the vote on the adoption of the resolution,

The resolution was withdrawn.

Mr. Colvin offered the following:

Resolved, That the use of Legislative Hall be given to the State Association of Supervisors of Michigan for a public meeting to be held under its auspices, commencing at 7:30 o'clock this evening, Wednesday, February 8, 1899.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Shepherd moved to discharge the committee of the whole from the further consideration of

House bill No. 70 (file No. 10), entitled

A bill to amend section 66 of act No. 206 of the public acts of 1893, entitled "An act to provide for the assessment of property and the levy and collection of taxes thereon, and for the collection of taxes heretofore and hereafter levied, making such taxes a lien on the lands taxed, establishing and continuing such lien, providing for the sale and conveyance of lands delinquent for taxes and for the inspection and disposition of lands bid off to the State and not redeemed or purchased, and to repeal act No. 200 of the public acts of 1891, and all other acts or parts of acts in anywise contravening any of the provisions of this act," approved June 1, 1893, as amended by act No. 162 of the public acts of 1895, approved May 18, 1895.

Which motion did not prevail.

Mr. Locher moved to reconsider the vote by which the House refused to adopt the following report:

Your committee, to whom was referred the subject of stenographic reports for the House, beg leave to submit the following:

Your committee is able to determine more or less accurately the probable cost of adopting the stenographic feature, because of the fact that we have on hand and submit to you the cost of the House Journal for the special session of 1898. The cost of the daily House Journal during the special session was \$700 and the cost of the compiled or official House Journal for 1898 was \$685, a total of \$1,385. This eliminates the cost of stenographic work, as such services were furnished gratuitous. If this system is adopted of stenographically reporting the proceedings of the House for February 8, the date following our proposed adjournment, you can estimate about 100 days to complete the work of the session, or five times the length of the special session. Taking the figures already submitted, we would seem justified in determining the cost of the daily and compiled House Journal at five times that of 1898, or \$6,295.

Your committee has invited sealed bids and herewith present the same as a part of this report. Upon this basis said bidder to furnish full and complete stenographic report of all proceedings had on the floor of the House (with the exception of written resolutions or a call of the yeas and nays by the Clerk). Said report to be furnished the Clerk ready for editing the same so as to appear and be printed in the daily Journal of each day. The bids are based upon per diem service and also an aggregate amount covering the period in question. The lowest bid on the latter basis is \$3,500. The bidders also bid upon proposition of \$35.00 per day for six days per week, the transcribing and preparing copy to be an additional cost. We would recommend the acceptance of the lump sum bid at \$3,500. This would make the total cost of the House Journal for the present session as follows: For the daily and compiled House Journal, printing and binding, \$6,925, stenographic feature, \$3,500, a total of \$10,425.

Your committee have endeavored to ascertain the cost of the daily and compiled House Journal of the session of 1897. The daily Journal was a part of the Senate Journal, and the records do not indicate the separate cost for the House. The total cost for House and Senate was \$4,000, and we have estimated the cost of the House at \$2,700; the compiled Journal of that session cost \$2,800, or a total of \$5,500. Upon this basis the extra cost of the system embodied in the stenographic feature would be \$4,925. Your committee believe the estimate a conservative one at \$5,000 for the additional cost.

Your committee recommend that the stenographic feature for the remaining days of the session be adopted, and that the proper officers be authorized to enter into a contract with Mr. J. W. Stockwell on the basis of his bid at \$3,500, and that they require from said Mr. Stockwell a bond, with proper sureties, for the faithful performance of his work; and further that said stenographer be and is hereby directed to report for duty on the convening of the House on February 8, prepared to carry out the provisions of his bid.

GEO. L. LUSK,

Chairman.

HENRY J. EIKHOFF,

J. W. SHISLER.

Mr. Kelley moved that the motion to reconsider be indefinitely postponed.

On which motion,

Mr. Kelly demanded the yeas and nays.

The demand was seconded, and the motion prevailed by yeas and nays as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Alward

Anderson

Babcock

Bryan

Burdick

Burfoot

Buskirk

Davis

Dudley

Fleischhauer

Gillette

Goodell

Hall

Hammond

Hofmeister

Howell

Keep

Mr. Kelly

Kingott

Laflamboy

Lugers

McKay

Mason

Murdoch

Nash

Niedermeier

Oberdorffer

Pack

Pearson

Randall

Read, J. H.

Reed, G. W.

Reed, W. A.

Robinson

Mr. Rulison

Schmidt

Scully

Shepherd

Shisler

Stumpenhusen

Taziman

Van Camp

Waterbury

Weier

Wells

Weter

Whitney

Wing

Wood

Woodruff

Speaker

NAYS.

Mr. Aldrich	Mr. Duff	Mr. Locher
Burch	Eikhoff	Lusk
Caldwell	Foster	McCallum
Carton	Gillam	McLean
Chamberlain	Goodrich	McLeod
Chandler	Goodyear	Moore
Cheever	Gustin	Murphy
Colby	Handy	Nevins
Colvin	Hatzenbuehler	Phillips
Crosby	Heck	Soper
Dickinson	Heineman	Stewart
Dingley	Herrig	Wayne
Doyle		

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On motion of Mr. Chamberlain,
 Leave of absence was granted to himself for tomorrow.
 On motion of Mr. Alward,
 The House adjourned.

REPRESENTATIVE HALL, LANSING,

Thursday, February 9, 1899.

The House met pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Thompson.

Roll called: quorum present.

Absent without leave: Messrs. Duff, Goodrich, Gray, Waterbury, Wing and Woodruff.

On motion of Mr. Burdick,

Leave of absence was granted to Mr. Waterbury until Monday next.

On motion of Mr. Hammond,

Leave of absence was granted to himself for the day.

On motion of Mr. Shisler,

Leave of absence was granted to committee on Eastern Asylum for the Insane for the day.

On motion of Mr. J. H. Read,

Leave of absence was granted to all absentees for the day.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS.

No. 39. By mail to the Clerk: Petition of Martin Brozinski and 30 others, asking for a law to prohibit the killing of deer for a term of five years in a certain part of this State.

Referred to the committee on Fisheries and Game.

No. 40. By Mr. Wayne: Petition of John O'Connell and 14 others, asking for a law to prohibit the killing of deer for a term of five years in a certain part of this State.

Referred to the committee on Fisheries and Game.

No. 41. By Mr. G. W. Reed: Petition of Geo. F. Haist and 33 others, asking for a law to prohibit the killing of deer for a term of five years in a certain part of this State.

Referred to the committee on Fisheries and Game.

No. 42. By Mr. Moore: Petition of the citizens of the city of St. Clair to amend the law governing cities of the fourth class.

Referred to the committee on City Corporations.

No. 43. By Mr. ———: Petition of R. Drury and 72 others, asking for a law to prohibit the killing of deer for a term of five years in a certain part of this State.

Referred to the committee on Fisheries and Game.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

By the committee on City Corporations:

The committee on City Corporations, to whom was referred House bill No. 56, entitled

A bill to amend sections 2, 3 and 4 of chapter 8 of the act entitled "An act to revise the charter of the city of Negaunee, in Marquette county, being amendatory of an act entitled 'An act to incorporate the city of Negaunee, in Marquette county,' approved April 11, 1873, and the acts amendatory thereof.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, without amendment and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

P. HERRIG,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

Pending the order that the bill be printed, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order,

On motion of Mr. Gordon,

The rules were suspended, two-thirds of all the members present voting therefor, and the bill was put upon its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Aldrich	Mr. Hall	Mr. Niedermeier
Alward	Hammond	Oberdorffer
Anderson	Handy	Pack
Babcock	Hart	Pearson
Baumgaertner	Hatzenbuehler	Phillips
Brownell	Heck	Randall
Bryan	Heineman	Read, J. H.
Burch	Herrig	Reed, W. A.
Burdick	Hofmeister	Robinson
Burfoot	Howell	Rulison
Buskirk	Keep	Schmidt
Caldwell	Kelly	Scully
Carton	Kingott	Shepherd

Mr. Chandler	Mr. Laflamboy	Mr. Shisler
Cheever	Locher	Soper
Colby	Lugers	Stewart
Collins	Lusk	Stumpenhusen
Crosby	McCall	Sutherland
Dickinson	McCallum	Taziman
Dingley	McKay	Van Camp
Doyle	McLean	Watters
Dudley	McLeod	Weier
Eikhoff	Mason	Wells
Fleischhauer	Moore	Weter
Gillam	Murdoch	Wheeler
Gillette	Murphy	Whitney
Goodell	Nash	Woodruff
Goodyear	Nevins	Speaker
Gordon		

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Gordon,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

By the committee on City Corporations:

The committee on City Corporations, to whom was referred

House bill No. 157, entitled

A bill to amend section 1 of an act entitled "An act to revise and amend act No. 346 of the local acts of 1881, entitled 'An act to revise an act to incorporate the city of Bay City,' approved March 30, 1881, as amended and revised by the several acts amendatory thereof," approved May 29, 1897.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, without amendment and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

P. HERRIG,

Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

Pending the order that the bill be printed, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order,

On motion of Mr. McLean,

The rules were suspended, two-thirds of all the members present voting therefor, and the bill was put upon its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Aldrich	Mr. Gordon	Mr. Oberdorffer
Alward	Gustin	Pack
Anderson	Hall	Pearson

Mr. Babcock	Mr. Hammond	Mr. Phillips
Baumgärtner	Handy	Randall
Brownell	Hart	Read, J. H.
Bryan	Hatzenbuehler	Reed, G. W.
Burch	Heck	Reed, W. A.
Burdick	Heineman	Robinson
Burfoot	Herrig	Rulison
Caldwell	Howell	Schmidt
Carton	Keep	Scully
Chandler	Kelly	Shepherd
Cheever	Kingott	Shisler
Colby	Laflamboy	Soper
Collins	Locher	Stewart
Colvin	Lugers	Stumpenhusen
Crosby	Lusk	Sutherland
Davis	McCall	Taziman
Dickinson	McCallum	Van Camp
Dingley	McKay	Watters
Doyle	McLean	Weier
Dudley	McLeod	Wells
Eikhoff	Mason	Weter
Fleischhauer	Moore	Wheeler
Foster	Murdoch	Whitney
Gillam	Murphy	Wood
Gillette	Nash	Woodruff
Goodell	Nevins	Speaker
Goodyear	Niedermeier	

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. McLean,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

By the committee on Fisheries and Game:

The committee on Fisheries and Game, to whom was referred

House bill No. 40, entitled

A bill for the protection of fish in the lakes known as Eagle lake, in the townships of Bloomingdale and Cheshire, in the counties of Van Buren and Allegan, and the lakes known as Pugsley's lake and Four-Mile lake, in the township of Paw Paw, in the county of Van Buren, for a period of ten years.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House with amendments thereto, recommending that the amendments be concurred in, and that the bill when so amended do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

J. H. ANDERSON,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The question being on concurring in the amendments made by the committee to the bill,

The House concurred.

Pending the order that the bill be printed, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order,

On motion of Mr. Phillips,

The rules were suspended, two-thirds of all the members present voting therefor, and the bill was put upon its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Aldrich	Mr. Hall	Mr. Oberdorffer
Alward	Hammond	Pack
Anderson	Handy	Pearson
Babcock	Hart	Phillips
Baumgaertner	Hatzenbuehler	Randall
Brownell	Heck	Read, J. H.
Burch	Heineman	Reed, G. W.
Burdick	Herrig	Reed W. A.
Burfoot	Hofmeister	Robinson
Buskirk	Howell	Rulison
Caldwell	Keep	Schmidt
Carton	Kelly	Scully
Chandler	Kingott	Shepherd
Cheever	Laffamboy	Shisler
Colby	Locher	Soper
Collins	Lugers	Stewart
Colvin	Lusk	Stumpenhoven
Davis	McCall	Sutherland
Dickinson	McCallum	Taziman
Dingley	McKay	Van Camp
Doyle	McLean	Watters
Dudley	McLeod	Weier
Eikhoff	Mason	Wells
Fleischhauer	Moore	Weter
Gillam	Murdoch	Wheeler
Gillette	Murphy	Whitney
Goodyear	Nash	Wood
Gordon	Nevins	Woodruff
Gustin	Niedermeier	Speaker

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Phillips,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

By the committee on City Corporations:

The committee on City Corporations, to whom was referred House bill No. 146, entitled

A bill to provide for public notice of proposed charter changes and the method by which cities or villages may alter or amend their charters.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to request of the House that the bill be printed for the use of the committee.

P. HERRIG,
Chairman.

Report accepted.

The question being on ordering the bill printed for the use of the committee,

The House so ordered.

By the committee on Fisheries and Game:

The committee on Fisheries and Game, to whom was referred

House bill No. 129, entitled

A bill to amend act No. 50 of the public acts of the year 1897, being an act entitled "An act to allow the spearing of fish."

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, without amendment and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

J. H. ANDERSON,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

Pending the order that the bill be printed, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order,

On motion of Mr. Doyle,

The rules were suspended, two-thirds of all the members present voting therefor, and the bill was put upon its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Alward	Mr. Hall	Mr. Oberdorffer
Anderson	Hammond	Pack
Babcock	Handy	Pearson
Baumgaertner	Hart	Phillips
Brownell	Hatzenbuehler	Randall
Burch	Heck	Read, J. H.
Burdick	Herrig	Reed, G. W.
Burfoot	Hofmeister	Reed, W. A.
Buskirk	Howell	Robinson
Caldwell	Keep	Rulison
Carton	Kelly	Schmidt
Chandler	Kingott	Scully
Cheever	Laflamboy	Shepherd
Collins	Locher	Shisler
Colvin	Lugers	Soper
Davis	Lusk	Stewart
Dickinson	McCall	Stumpenhusen

Mr. Dingley	Mr. McCallum	Mr. Sutherland
Doyle	McKay	Taziman
Ducley	McLean	Van Camp
Eikhoff	McLeod	Watters
Fleischhauer	Mason	Weier
Foster	Moore	Wells
Gillam	Murdoch	Weter
Goddell	Murphy	Wheeler
Goodyear	Nash	Wood.
Gordon	Nevins	Woodruff
Gustin	Niedermeier	Speaker

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Doyle,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

By the committee on Fisheries and Game:

"The committee on Fisheries and Game, to whom was referred

House bill No. 187, entitled

A bill to repeal act 285, laws of 1897, entitled "An act to provide for the lawful taking of German carp from the waters of Black River lake, also known as Macatawa bay, in Ottawa county, and from the streams tributary thereto."

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, without amendment and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

J. H. ANDERSON,

Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

Pending the order that the bill be printed, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order,

On motion of Mr. Lingers,

The rules were suspended, two-thirds of all the members present voting therefor, and the bill was put upon its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Alward	Mr. Gordon	Mr. Niedermeier
Anderson	Hall	Oberdorffer
Babcock	Hammond	Pack
Baumgaertner	Handy	Pearson
Brownell	Hart	Randall
Bryan	Hatzenbuehler	Read, J. H.
Burch	Heck	Reed, G. W.
Burdick	Heineman	Reed, W. A.
Burfoot	Herrig	Robinson
Buskirk	Keep	Rulison

Mr. Caldwell	Mr. Kelly	Mr. Schmidt
Carton	Kingott	Scully
Chandler	Laflamboy	Shepherd
Cheever	Locher	Shisler
Collins	Lugers	Soper
Colvin	Lusk	Stumpenhusen
Crosby	McCall	Sutherland
Davis	McCallum	Taziman
Doyle	McKay	Van Camp
Dudley	McLean	Watters
Eikhoff	McLeod	Weier
Fleischhauer	Mason	Wells
Foster	Moore	Weter
Gillam	Murdoch	Wheeler
Gillette	Murphy	Wood
Goodell	Nash	Woodruff
Goodyear	Nevins	Speaker

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Lugers,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

By the committee on Judiciary:

The committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred

House bill No. 20, entitled

A bill to amend sections 1 and 5 of act No. 120 of the public acts of 1893, approved May 25, 1893, entitled "An act to amend sections 1 and 5 of act No. 25 of the public acts of 1887, approved March 9, 1887, entitled 'An act to provide for three additional circuit judges for the third judicial circuit,' so as to provide one other additional judge for the third judicial circuit.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, without amendment and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

F. SHEPHERD,

Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on Labor:

The committee on Labor, to whom was referred

House bill No. 170, entitled

A bill to require every person, partnership, or corporation, owning or operating a street railway, the cars of which are propelled by electricity, steam or cable power, to equip every motor car maintained and operated by them with an air brake, and to repeal all acts and parts of acts contravening the provisions of this act.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration and have directed me to request of the House that the bill be printed for the use of the committee.

EDMUND BURFOOT,
Chairman.

Report accepted.

The question being on ordering the bill printed for the use of the committee,

The House so ordered.

By the committee on Labor:

The committee on Labor, to whom was referred

House bill No. 68, entitled

A bill to provide for the protection of health, lives and interests of the coal miners of Michigan and to provide for the inspection of all coal mines of this State.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to request of the House that the bill be printed for the use of the committee.

EDMUND BURFOOT,
Chairman.

Report accepted.

The question being on ordering the bill printed for the use of the committee,

The House so ordered.

By the committee on Local Taxation:

The committee on Local Taxation, to whom was referred

House bill No. 42, entitled

A bill to authorize the Board of Supervisors of Roscommon county to issue not to exceed ten thousand dollars of bonds for the purpose of paying matured orders and existing indebtedness.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, without amendment and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

R. ALWARD,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

Pending the order that the bill be printed, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order,

On motion of Mr. Gillam,

The rules were suspended, two-thirds of all the members present voting therefor, and the bill was put upon its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Aldrich
Alward
Babcock
Baumgaertner

Mr. Hammond
Handy
Hart
Hatzenbuehler

Mr. Oberdorffer
Pack
Pearson
Randall

Mr. Brownell	Mr. Heck	Mr. Read, J. H.
Bryan	Heineman	Reed, G. W.
Burch	Herrig	Reed, W. A.
Burfoot	Hofmeister	Robinson
Buskirk	Howell	Rulison
Caldwell	Keep	Schmidt
Carton	Kelly	Scully
Chandler	Kingott	Shepherd
Cheever	Laflamboy	Shisler
Colby	Locher	Soper
Colvin	Lugers	Stumpenhusen
Dickinson	McCall	Taziman
Doyle	McCallum	Watters
Eikhoff	McKay	Weier
Fleischhauer	McLeod	Wells
Foster	Mason	Weter
Gillam	Moore	Wheeler
Gillette	Murdoch	Whitney
Goodyear	Nash	Wood
Gustin	Nevins	Woodruff
Hall	Niedermeier	Speaker

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Gillam,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

By the committee on Railroads:

The committee on Railroads, to whom was referred

House bill No. 175, entitled

A bill to repeal act No. 42 of the session laws of 1846 and all acts amendatory thereto entitled "An act to authorize the sale of the Central Railroad, and to incorporate the Michigan Central Railroad company," approved March 28, 1846, and to grant authority and fix the manner in which said Michigan Central Railroad company may sue the State of Michigan for damages on account of said repeal, and to make provision for the payment thereof, and to authorize the incorporation of said company under the general railroad laws of this State and to preserve its rights and liabilities.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to request of the House that the bill be printed for the use of the committee.

A. W. FLEISCHHAUER,

Chairman.

Report accepted.

The question being on ordering the bill printed for the use of the committee,

The House so ordered.

By the committee on Railroads:

The committee on Railroads, to whom was referred
House bill No. 172, entitled

A bill to amend sections 4 and 6 of act No. 171 of the laws of 1893, entitled "An act to regulate the construction of the tracks of railroads and street railroads across each other, and the stringing of wires, electric or other, over railroad tracks and railroads, and the maintenance of such tracks heretofore so constructed, and wires heretofore so strung," approved May 31, 1893.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to request of the House that the bill be printed for the use of the committee.

A. W. FLEISCHHAUER,

Chairman.

Report accepted.

The question being on ordering the bill printed for the use of the committee,

The House so ordered.

By the committee on Railroads:

The committee on Railroads, to whom was referred
House bill No. 174, entitled

A bill to repeal an act entitled "An act to incorporate the Detroit and Pontiac Railroad company," approved March 7, 1834, and "An act to incorporate the Oakland and Ottawa Railroad company," approved April 3, 1848, and act No. 140 of the laws of 1855, entitled "An act to authorize the consolidation of the Detroit and Pontiac and the Oakland and Ottawa Railroad companies, so as to form a continuous line from Detroit to Lake Michigan, under the name of the Detroit and Milwaukee Railroad company," approved February 13, 1855, and all acts or parts of acts amendatory to the foregoing acts.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to request of the House that the bill be printed for the use of the committee.

A. W. FLEISCHHAUER,

Chairman.

Report accepted.

The question being on ordering the bill printed for the use of the committee,

The House so ordered.

By the committee on Railroads:

The committee on Railroads, to whom was referred
House bill No. 100, entitled.

A bill to amend section 9 of article 2 of act No. 198 of the session laws of 1873, being an act entitled "An act to revise the laws providing for the incorporation of railroad companies, and to regulate the running and management, and to fix the duties and liabilities of all railroad and other corporations owning or operating any railroad in this State," as amended by act No. 177 of the session laws of 1877, and act 230 of the public acts of 1887, and act 202 of the public acts of 1889, and act 90 of the public acts of 1891, being section 3323 of Howell's annotated statutes, so as to provide for a reduction of fares in the upper peninsula.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration,

and have directed me to request of the House that the bill be printed for the use of the committee.

A. W. FLEISCHHAUER,
Chairman.

Report accepted.

The question being on ordering the bill printed for the use of the committee,

The House so ordered.

By the committee on Railroads:

The committee on Railroads, to whom was referred

House bill No. 173, entitled

A bill to repeal act No. 113 of the laws of 1846, entitled "An act to authorize the sale of the Southern Railroad company, and to incorporate the Michigan Southern Railroad company," approved May 9, 1846, and all acts amendatory thereto, and to authorize the incorporation of said railroad company under the general railroad laws of the State and to preserve its rights and liabilities.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to request of the House that the bill be printed for the use of the committee.

A. W. FLEISCHHAUER,
Chairman.

Report accepted.

The question being on ordering the bill printed for the use of the committee,

The House so ordered.

By the committee on Railroads:

The committee on Railroads, to whom was referred

House bill No. 176, entitled

A bill to amend section 23 of act No. 79, of the laws of 1893, entitled "An act to provide for the appointment of a Commissioner of Railroads, and to define his powers, duties and fix his compensation."

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration and have directed me to request of the House that the bill be printed for the use of the committee.

A. W. FLEISCHHAUER,
Chairman.

Report accepted.

The question being on ordering the bill printed for the use of the committee,

The House so ordered.

By the special committee on Mileage:

The committee on Mileage have had under consideration the matter of the mileage of James D. Robinson, and report that eight miles additional should be credited to him,

And respectfully recommend that the amount therefor be allowed and paid.

WM. D. KELLY,
Chairman.
JOSEPH M'LEAN.

Report accepted.

The question being on the adoption of the report,

The report was adopted.

By the committee on Towns and Counties:

The committee on Towns and Counties, to whom was referred

House bill No. 149, entitled

A bill to amend section 105 of chapter 10, being compiler's section 595 of the compiled laws of 1871, as amended by act No. 240 of public acts of 1895, relating to the duties and compensation of county surveyors, being compiler's section 624 of Howell's annotated statutes.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House with amendments thereto, recommending that the amendments be concurred in, and that the bill when so amended do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

C. WHITNEY,

Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The question being on concurring in the amendments made by the committee to the bill,

The House concurred.

The bill was then ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR.

The Speaker announced the following:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Lansing, February 9, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I have this day approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State,

House bill No. 49, being

An act to authorize the townships of Benton and Inverness in the county of Cheboygan, to borrow money for the construction of a bridge over the Cheboygan river dividing said townships.

Respectfully,

H. S. PINGREE,

Governor.

The message was ordered spread on the Journal.

The Speaker also announced the following:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Lansing, February 9, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I have this day approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State,

House bill No. 82, being

An act to authorize the Prosecuting Attorney for the county of Lapeer

to appoint an Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, and to prescribe his duties, powers and compensation.

Respectfully,
H. S. PINGREE,
Governor.

The message was ordered spread on the Journal.

The Speaker also announced the following:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Lansing, February 8, 1899.

To the House of Representatives:

I have the honor to transmit herewith a communication from the Honorable Asa S. Bushnell, Governor of Ohio, and the Honorable James Kilbourne, President of the Ohio Centennial Commission.

It gives me pleasure to recommend that the Legislature of Michigan express its good will and interest in the centennial celebration of the state of Ohio, and that action be taken by your honorable body by designating a suitable commission to confer with the members of the Ohio Centennial Commission for the advancement of the mutual interests of the two states, in accordance with the request contained in the communication herewith transmitted.

Yours respectfully,
H. S. PINGREE,
Governor.

The message was ordered spread on the Journal.

The following is the communication referred to in the message:

STATE OF OHIO, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
Office of the Governor, Columbus, Feb. 7, 1899.

To His Excellency, the Governor, and the General Assembly of the State of Michigan:

Gentlemen—Under authority given by Legislative enactment, it is proposed to celebrate in the city of Toledo, during 1902-3, the one hundredth anniversary of the admission of the State of Ohio to the Union. The Exposition, which will be inaugurated in honor of this event, will be made as significant in character, as broad in scope, and as complete in details as possible. The ambition is to have it represent not only the development of the State, but also of the nation and of the world.

Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan and Wisconsin are in a special sense sister states, having once formed that which was the Northwest Territory—a domain unexcelled for fertility of soil and enriched with vast natural resources, the development of which in the present day stands as a marvel for all mankind. The industry of the pioneers, the strength and vitality of the people of all the generations that have come and gone since the Ordinance of 1787 was adopted, the honesty and good purpose shown, the zeal and fidelity to the common cause—all these, when applied to the blessings given by a bountiful providence, have brought for the states of the Northwest Territory a success beyond comparison.

The General Assembly of Ohio, in recognition of the propriety of asking the younger sister states of the Northwest Territory to join in the celebration of the centennial period of Ohio, directed in the acts authorizing the observance, and providing for the Ohio Centennial Commission,

that a special and urgent invitation should be sent to the governments of the states of Indiana, Illinois, Michigan and Wisconsin, to give their aid and co-operation to the end that the Exposition may be signally commemorative and illustrative of our common progress.

Therefore, pursuant to this duty, it is our privilege to address you, setting forth hereby the cordial invitation to assist in this celebration of the Centennial of Ohio, and requesting an expression of good will by executive and legislative action in the way of the designation of a suitable commission to confer with the members of the Ohio Centennial Commission, for the advancement of our mutual interests.

We earnestly and respectfully urge upon Your Excellency, and upon setting forth hereby the cordial invitation to assist in this celebration of such a commission to represent the State of Michigan, and we further solicit your kind assistance and advice in all things pertaining to the success of the Ohio Centennial, knowing that the combined effort will result to the honor and advantage of all these states, which were once so closely bound together.

Trusting that you may find it consistent to take early and favorable action in behalf of the Ohio Centennial, we have the honor to subscribe ourselves, with assurances of highest respect,

Your obedient servants,

ASA S. BUSHNELL,

[Seal of the State of Ohio.]

Governor of Ohio.

JAMES KILBOURNE,

President of the Ohio Centennial Commission.

On motion of Mr. Heineman,

The message of the Governor and the accompanying document were referred to the committee on State Affairs.

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.

The Speaker announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,

Lansing, February 8, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House the following concurrent resolution:

Resolved by the House (the Senate concurring), That all bills proposing amendments to existing statutes shall be so prepared as to show the amendments proposed, by enclosing all new matter inserted within heavy brackets and by denoting the omission of matter by means of asterisks; and

Resolved, That the State printer be and is hereby directed to print all such bills in accordance with these instructions.

In the adoption of which the Senate has concurred.

Very respectfully,

CHARLES S. PIERCE,

Secretary of the Senate.

The message was ordered spread on the Journal.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, February 8, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House the following bill:

House bill No. 23, entitled

A bill to provide for the rental of the armories of the Michigan State National Guards.

And to inform the House that the Senate has amended the same, as follows:

1. By striking out of line 1 of section 1 the word "shall," and inserting in lieu thereof the word "may."

2. By striking out of line 15 of section 1 the words "and thereafter," and inserting in lieu thereof the word "or."

In the passage of which, as thus amended, the Senate has concurred by a majority vote of all the Senators elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect, has ordered the same to take immediate effect.

Very respectfully,

CHARLES S. PIERCE,
Secretary of the Senate.

The question being on concurring in the amendments made by the Senate to the bill,

The House concurred, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Aldrich	Mr. Hammond	Mr. Niedermeier
Babcock	Handy	Oberdorffer
Baumgärtner	Hart	Pack
Brownell	Hatzenbuehler	Pearson
Bryan	Heck	Randall
Burch	Heinemen	Read, J. H.
Burfoot	Herrig	Reed, G. W.
Buskirk	Hofmeister	Reed, W. A.
Caldwell	Howell	Robinson
Carton	Keep	Rulison
Chandler	Kelly	Schmidt
Cheever	Kingott	Scully
Colby	Laflamboy	Shepherd
Collins	Locher	Shisler
Colvin	Lugers	Soper
Crosby	McCall	Stumpfenhusen
Dickinson	McCallum	Sutherland
Dingley	McKay	Taziman
Doyle	McLean	Watters
Dudley	McLeod	Weier
Eikhoff	Mason	Wells
Foster	Moore	Weter

Mr. Gillette
Goodyear
Gordon
Hall

Mr. Murdoch
Murphy
Nash
Nevins

Mr. Wheeler
Whitney
Woodruff
Speaker

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The bill was referred for enrollment and presentation to the Governor, under the rules.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, February 9, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House the following bill:

House bill No. 156, entitled

A bill to vacate the townships of Blaine, Grove, Ball and Center Plains, in the county of Crawford, and to incorporate the territory comprised therein with the townships of Maple Forest, South Branch, Beaver Creek and Grayling, in said county.

In the passage of which the Senate has concurred by a majority vote of all the Senators elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect, has ordered the same to take immediate effect.

Very respectfully,

CHARLES S. PIERCE,
Secretary of the Senate.

The bill was referred for enrollment and presentation to the Governor, under the rules.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, February 9, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House the following bill:

House bill No. 155, entitled

A bill to vacate the township of Wheatfield, in the county of Montmorency, Michigan, and to incorporate the territory comprised therein in the township of Vienna, in the county of Montmorency.

In the passage of which the Senate has concurred by a majority vote of all the Senators elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect, has ordered the same to take immediate effect.

Very respectfully,

CHARLES S. PIERCE,
Secretary of the Senate.

The bill was referred for enrollment and presentation to the Governor, under the rules.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, February 9, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House the following bill:

House bill No. 159, entitled

A bill to detach certain territory from the city of West Bay City, in the county of Bay, and attach the same to the township of Bangor, in said county.

In the passage of which the Senate has concurred by a majority vote of all the Senators elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect, has ordered the same to take immediate effect.

Very respectfully,

CHARLES S. PIERCE,

Secretary of the Senate.

The bill was referred for enrollment and presentation to the Governor, under the rules.

NOTICES.

Mr. Heineman gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to provide for the control of public free schools and the district public library in the school district included within the limits of the city of Detroit, and to repeal act 233 of the session laws of the year 1869, and amendments thereto, excepting section 27, relating to the public school teachers' retirement fund.

Mr. Heineman gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill providing for the appointment, fixing compensation and defining the duties of a stenographer for the circuit court commissioners' courts for the county of Wayne, and for taking and transcribing of testimony in cases on examination.

Mr. Niedermeier gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend act No. 254 of the public acts of 1897.

Mr. Lugers gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend section 15 of chapter 39 of Howell's annotated statutes, the same being compiler's section 1647, relative to township boards of health.

Mr. Wheeler gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend an act relative to the appointment and qualifications of notaries public and the duties of county clerks relative thereto, being act No. 117 of the public acts of 1887, by adding thereto a new section to be known as "section 4" of said act.

Mr. Gordon gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill authorizing the light and power commission of the city of Marquette to acquire, take and hold lands, water powers and other inter-

ests in lands necessary to carry out the objects and purposes of said commission.

Mr. Gillette gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend section 19 of act No. 271 of the public acts of 1895, entitled "An act to amend sections 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 17 and 19 of act No. 190 of public acts of 1891, entitled 'An act to prescribe the manner of conducting and to prevent fraud and (deception) deceptions at elections in this State, as amended by acts amendatory thereto.'"

Mr. Aldrich gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to prohibit horse racing, base ball playing and the performance of any tragedy, comedy, opera, ballet, farce, Negro minstrelsy, Negro or other dancing, wrestling, boxing with or without gloves, sparring contest, trial of strength, and all part or parts therein, and any circus, equestrian or dramatic performance or exercise, and all performance of jugglers, acrobats, club performance, or rope dancers, on the first day of the week, commonly called Sunday.

Mr. Eikhoff gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to permit incorporated cities to raise revenues for municipal purposes by taxing land values exclusive of the improvement thereon.

Mr. Eikhoff gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to repeal act No. 25 of the session laws of 1897, entitled "An act to provide for the commencement and maintaining of action by and against unincorporated voluntary associations, clubs, and societies and for the service of process in such cases."

Mr. Shisler gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend section 37 of chapter 177, relative to probate courts, of the compiled laws of 1871, being compiler's section 6791 of Howell's annotated statutes as to costs in contested cases.

Mr. Eikhoff gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to repeal act No. 13 of the session laws of 1897, entitled "An act to provide for the incorporation of labor associations."

Mr. Eikhoff gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to promote the safety of life and property in cities where certain street railways exist, providing that men who operate cars thereon shall be duly qualified, registered and licensed.

Mr. Bryan gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to facilitate the construction and maintenance of sidewalks in road district No. 10 in the township of Ecorse, Wayne county, Michigan.

Mr. Shepherd gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to authorize the city of Cheboygan to borrow money to be expended for public improvements and to issue bonds therefor.

Mr. Shepherd gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend section 10 of chapter 24 of act No. 333 of the session laws of 1889, approved March 13, 1889, entitled "An act to incorporate the city of Cheboygan and to repeal an act entitled 'An act to reincorporate the village of Cheboygan in the county of Cheboygan,' " approved March 27, 1877.

Mr. Shepherd gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend chapter 14 of the revised statutes of 1846, entitled "of county offices," by adding thereto a new section to stand as section 105a, providing a lien in favor of county surveyors on land benefited by their official services.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

Mr. Colvin, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 197, entitled

A bill to provide for public ingress and egress to and from railroad depots and steamboat landings.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Railroads.

Mr. McCallum, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 198, entitled

A bill to authorize the city of Gladstone, in the county of Delta, to raise money to redeem or refund bonds to the amount of \$35,000, issued for the construction of water works.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on City Corporations.

Mr. McCallum, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 199, entitled

A bill to legalize certain bonds issued by the city of Gladstone for the construction of water works.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on City Corporations.

Mr. Buskirk, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 200, entitled

A bill to make an appropriation for the support of the State Agricultural College, for the erection of buildings, for the repair of buildings, sewers and water works, for the improvement of buildings and for other improvements at said college.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Agricultural College.

Mr. Buskirk, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 201, entitled

A bill for the protection of fish in the Kalamazoo river and its tributaries.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Fisheries and Game.

Mr. Woodruff, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 202, entitled

A bill to amend section 5 of chapter 31 of act No. 215 of the public acts of 1895, entitled "An act to provide for the incorporation of cities of the fourth class."

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on City Corporations.

Mr. Dingley, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 203, entitled

A bill to amend section No. 5 of act No. 135 of the public acts of Michigan of 1895, entitled "An act to provide for the holding of primaries in cities of not less than 15,000 inhabitants and not over 150,000 inhabitants, and to punish frauds thereon, and by delegates elected thereat, and the corruption and attempted corruption of such delegates."

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Elections.

Mr. Rulison, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 204, entitled

A bill making appropriations for the Michigan School for the Deaf for the years 1899 and 1900.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on School for the Deaf.

Mr. Chandler, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 205, entitled

A bill to amend section 24 of act No. 206 of the session laws of 1893, entitled "An act to provide for the assessment of property and the levy and collection of taxes thereon, and for the collection of taxes heretofore and hereafter levied, making such taxes a lien on the lands taxed, establishing and continuing such lien, providing for the sale and conveyance of lands delinquent for taxes, and for the inspection and disposition of lands bid off to the State and not redeemed or purchased, and to repeal act No. 200 of the public acts of 1891, and all other acts and parts of acts in anywise contravening any of the provisions of this act," being section 4847 of the compiled laws of 1897.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on General Taxation.

Mr. Aldrich, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 206, entitled

A bill to provide for the construction and to keep in repair side paths for use of pedestrians and bicycles on the public highways.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

Mr. Herrig, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 207, entitled

A bill to provide for the location, establishment and organization of an additional asylum for the insane.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on State Affairs.

Mr. Herrig, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 208, entitled

A bill relative to persons, corporations and associations engaged in transacting the express business.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Private Corporations.

Mr. McCall, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 209, entitled

A bill to provide for the payment of physicians, jurors and witnesses in hearings in Probate Court, upon application to admit insane persons to insane asylums of this State.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

Mr. McCall, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 210, entitled

A bill to provide that the State, county or municipality shall have a claim against insane persons, and the estates of deceased insane persons who have been supported at the public expense in the asylums of this State.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

Mr. McCall, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 211, entitled

A bill to amend sections 5 and 8 of chapter 29 of Howell's annotated statutes, being compiler's sections 1416 and 1423 of Howell's annotated statutes relative to highways, bridges, private roads and ferries.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Revision and Amendment of the Statutes.

Mr. McCall, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 212, entitled

A bill to provide for the protection of persons operating threshing machines and to give them liens on the grain or other farm products threshed for the amount of the threshing bill.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

Mr. McCall, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 213, entitled

A bill to amend section 23 of act No. 135 of the public acts of 1885, entitled "An act to amend, revise and consolidate the laws organizing asylums for the insane and regulating the care and management thereof, and of the inmates therein, and to repeal act No. 164, laws of 1859; also act No. 194, laws of 1877; also act No. 91, laws of 1873, and the acts amendatory thereto; also act No. 172, laws of 1873," approved June 3, 1885.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Revision and Amendment of the Statutes.

Mr. Moore, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 214, entitled

A bill to provide for the incorporation of bicycle path and way clubs and associations, and for the protection of the property of the same.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Carton, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 215, entitled

A bill to amend sections 10, 12, 55, 69, 93, 94, 95, 96, and 104 of act No. 400 of the local acts of 1897, entitled "An act to revise and amend the charter of the city of Flint."

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on City Corporations.

Mr. Carton, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 216, entitled

A bill to amend act No. 50 of the public acts of 1887, entitled "An act to provide for the incorporation and regulation of certain corporations generally known as building and loan associations," by adding one new section thereto to be known as section 35.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Revision and Amendment of the Statutes.

Mr. Carton, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 217, entitled

A bill to amend sections 1, 15 and 30 of chapter 131 of Howell's annotated statutes of the State of Michigan, being an act entitled "An act in relation to life insurance companies transacting business within this State," as heretofore amended.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Insurance.

Mr. Carton, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 218, entitled

A bill to amend sections 4, 8, 22 and 23 of act No. 205 of the public acts of 1877, entitled "An act to provide for the incorporation of societies for the receiving, loaning and investing of money."

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Private Corporations.

Mr. Carton, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 219, entitled

A bill authorizing school boards, boards of trustees of graded schools, and boards of education in cities, to establish and maintain day schools for the deaf, and authorizing payment therefor from the primary school interest funds.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on School for the Deaf.

Mr. Schmidt, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 220, entitled

A bill to authorize the Board of Supervisors of the county of Saginaw to purchase and maintain the State Road bridge across the Tittabawassee river, in the county of Saginaw, known as Paines bridge and the approaches and appurtenances thereto, and to issue bonds for that purpose.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Towns and Counties.

Mr. McLean, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 221, entitled

A bill to compel the prosecuting attorney for the county of Bay to act as legal advisor and counsel of the county road commissioners of Bay county, and to provide a compensation therefor.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Foster, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 222, entitled

A bill to require the labeling of all gasoline, benzine and naphtha sold at retail, and to repeal act No. 146, laws of 1889.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Fleischhauer, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 223, entitled

A bill to amend section 3 of article 3, of act 198, session laws of 1873, as amended by act 45, public acts of 1879, as amended by act 174, public acts of 1891, as amended by act 129, public acts of 1893, as amended by act 228, public acts of 1897, entitled "An act to revise the laws providing for the incorporation of railroad companies, and to regulate the running and management, and to fix the duties and liabilities of all said roads and other corporations, owning or operating any railroad in this State," approved May 1, 1873, being compiler's section 3360, Howell's annotated statutes of Michigan.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Railroads.

Mr. Fleischhauer, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 224, entitled

A bill to vacate the township of Glencoe, in the county of Lake, and to incorporate its territory within the adjoining township of Dover in Lake county.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Towns and Counties.

Mr. Fleischhauer, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 225, entitled

A bill to prevent persons from unlawfully using or wearing the button of the Grand Army of the Republic in this State.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on State Affairs.

Mr. Fleischhauer, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 226, entitled

A bill to prohibit the mixing of oat hulls in the manufacture and sale of any ground grain or feed.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Public Health.

Mr. Shisler, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 227, entitled

A bill to amend act No. 119, public acts of 1891, relative to the introduction of the kindergarten in the public schools of the State.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Education.

Mr. Heineman, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 228, entitled

A bill to amend sections 4 and 25 of chapter 83, of the Compiled Laws of 1871, as amended by act No. 52 of the session laws of 1872, approved March 29, 1872, being compiler's sections 3755 and 3775 of Howell's annotated statutes, as amended by act No. 184 of the session laws of 1889, approved June 29, 1889, relative to the formation of corporations for the purpose of engaging in commerce and navigation.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Private Corporations.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Dickinson moved to take from the table

House bill No. 5, entitled

A bill relative to granting street railway franchises in streets, alleys and public places in the city of Detroit.

Which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Dickinson,

The bill was referred to the committee on City Corporations.

Mr. Dickinson moved to take from the table

House bill No. 6, entitled

A bill to amend section 5 of an act entitled "An act to amend the laws relative to supplying the city of Detroit with pure and wholesome water." approved February 14, 1853, and to repeal all acts or parts of acts in conflict therewith.

Which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Dickinson,

The bill was referred to the committee on City Corporations.

Mr. Eikhoff offered the following:

Whereas, A difficulty has arisen between the Flint and Pere Marquette Railway Company and certain of its employes at Ludington, Michigan, which tends to disturb the peace and quiet of the people of this State, and to the interruption of business and traffic within the State; therefore be it

Resolved That the State Court of Mediation and Arbitration be and they are hereby requested to proffer their good offices to the parties to

said dispute, to the end that, if possible, said difficulty may be speedily and amicably adjusted.

Resolved, That the Clerk of this House be and he is hereby directed to transmit a copy of these resolutions to the secretary of the State Court of Mediation and Arbitration.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Heineman offered the following:

Resolved, That the Clerk be directed to have printed and keep at his desk, for the use of the chairmen of committees, notice cards with the following wording and blanks:

Committee on

There will be a meeting of above committee on at
..... o'clock in Room

Chairman.

Resolved further, That the chairmen of committees be requested to use said cards for their notices of meetings and that the Clerk, after reading the same, post said cards on a suitable bulletin board which he is hereby authorized to provide.

Which was adopted.

GENERAL ORDER.

On motion of Mr. Shepherd,

The House went into committee of the whole, on the general order.

Whereupon the Speaker called Mr. Cheever to the chair.

After some time spent therein, the committee rose, and through their chairman, made the following report:

The committee of the whole have had under consideration the following:

House bill No. 4 (file No. 9), entitled

A bill to legalize certain bonds of the township of Brooks, in Newaygo county.

Have made no amendments thereto, and have directed their chairman to report the same back to the House, and recommend its passage.

HENRY M. CHEEVER,

Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was placed on the order of third reading.

Mr. Dickinson moved that the House adjourn until 10 o'clock a. m., tomorrow.

Which motion prevailed, and

The Speaker declared the House adjourned until 10 o'clock a. m., tomorrow.

{ REPRESENTATIVE HALL, LANSING,
Friday, February 10, 1899.

The House met pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by the Speaker.

Roll called: quorum present.

Absent without leave: Messrs. Babcock, Caldwell, Doyle, Duff, Eickhoff, Goodrich, Gray, Hart, Locher, Murphy, Nevins, and Wing.

On motion of Mr. Shisler,

Leave of absence was granted to all absentees for the day.

On motion of Mr. Davis,

Leave of absence was granted to Mr. Doyle until Tuesday next.

On motion of Mr. Davis,

Leave of absence was granted to himself until Wednesday next.

On motion of Mr. McCallum,

Leave of absence was granted to himself until Tuesday next.

On motion of Mr. Heineman,

Leave of absence was granted to himself until Tuesday next.

On motion of Mr. Schmidt,

Leave of absence was granted to himself until Tuesday next.

On motion of Mr. Hatzenbuehler,

Leave of absence was granted to himself until Tuesday next.

On motion of Mr. Burdick,

Leave of absence was granted to himself until Tuesday next.

On motion of Mr. Gordon.

Leave of absence was granted to himself until Tuesday next.

The Speaker announced the following:

February 8, 1899.

To the Honorable, the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I hereby tender my resignation as a member of the committee on State Library, to take immediate effect.

Very respectfully,

WM. CHANDLER.

The Speaker also announced the following:

To the Honorable, the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I hereby tender my resignation as a member of the committee on Industrial School for Girls, to take immediate effect.

Very respectfully,

DAVID E. HEINEMAN.

The Speaker announced the appointment of Mr. Chandler on the committee on Industrial Home for Girls, and of Mr. Heineman on the committee on State Library.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS.

No. 44. By Mr. Murdoch: Petition of Saginaw and Bay county citizens relative to amending the game laws of the State.

Referred to the committee on Fisheries and Game.

No. 45. By Mr. Shepherd: Petition of G. H. Turner and 42 others, residents of Northern Michigan, asking for a law to prohibit the killing of deer in a certain part of this State for a term of five years.

Referred to the committee on Fisheries and Game.

No. 46. By Mr. Foster: Petition of L. K. Cleveland and 34 others, asking for a law to prohibit the killing of deer for a term of five years in a certain part of this State.

Referred to the committee on Fisheries and Game.

No. 47. By Mr. Foster: Petition of John Wilhelm and 60 others, asking for a law to prohibit the killing of deer for a term of five years in a certain part of this State.

Referred to the committee on Fisheries and Game.

No. 48. By Mr. Foster: Petition of R. S. Fritz and 30 others, asking for a law to prohibit the killing of deer for a term of five years in a certain part of this State.

Referred to the committee on Fisheries and Game.

No. 49. By Mr. Foster: Petition of citizens of the township of Peninsula, in the county of Grand Traverse, relative to the depositing of sawdust, etc., in the waters under control of the State of Michigan.

Referred to the committee on State Affairs.

No. 50. By Mr. Foster: Petition of John A. Perry and 5 others, asking for a law to prohibit the killing of deer for a term of five years in a certain part of this State.

Referred to the committee on Fisheries and Game.

No. 51. By Mr. Cheever: Resolutions of the State Association of Supervisors.

On demand of Mr. Cheever,

The resolutions were read at length and spread at large on the Journal, as follows:

Whereas, In the performance of the duties of the office of supervisors of the State, we individually have occasion to inquire into, and examine and assess values upon real and personal property, and to inquire into the rate of taxation paid by all property in the State, including railroad, telegraph, telephone and express company property; and

Whereas, It is manifest, and has been for years, that these corporations have not paid their just proportion of State taxes; and

Whereas, There has been before the people of this State for over two years a measure known as the Atkinson bill for the equalizing of the taxation of these corporations, which passed the House of Representatives with but three dissenting votes at the special session of 1898, and which meets the approval of men of all parties in the State; and

Whereas, The bill now before the present Legislature, known as the Cheever-Atkinson bill, is in its essential parts identical with the Atkinson bill which passed the House of Representatives at the special session of the Legislature a year ago; and

Whereas, We believe that the immediate passage of the Cheever-Atkinson bill would be a matter of justice and would tend to equalize the payment of taxes and to compel the corporations mentioned in that bill to bear their just proportion of taxes; therefore be it

Resolved, That, in the opinion of this association, the immediate passage of the Cheever-Atkinson bill by this Legislature is desirable and is demanded by the people of all parties in this State; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this preamble and resolution be presented to the Legislature of Michigan.

The foregoing is a true copy of the preamble and resolution passed by the State Association of the Supervisors of Michigan at its session held February 9, 1899.

FRANK L. DODGE,
Secretary.

The resolutions were referred to the special committee on House Bill No. 3.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

By the committee on Elections:

The committee on Elections, to whom was referred

House bill No. 51, entitled

A bill to provide an additional voting precinct in the township of Holmes, county of Menominee, to be known as voting precinct number three.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, without amendment and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

SHERMAN T. HANDY,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

Pending the order that the bill be printed, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order,

On motion of Mr. Oberdorffer,

The rules were suspended, two-thirds of all the members present voting therefor, and the bill was put upon its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Alward	Mr. Hall	Mr. Pearson
Anderson	Handy	Randall
Baumgärtner	Hatzenbuhler	Read, J. H.
Brownell	Heck	Reed, G. W.
Bryan	Heineman	Reed, W. A.
Burch	Herrig	Robinson
Burdick	Hofmeister	Rulison
Buskirk	Howell	Schmidt
Carton	Keep	Scully
Chamberlain	Kingott	Shepherd
Chandler	Lugers	Shisler
Cheever	Lusk	Soper
Colby	McCall	Stumpfenhusen
Colvin	McKay	Sutherland
Crosby	McLean	Taziman
Dingley	McLeod	Watters
Dudley	Mason	Weier
Foster	Moore	Weter
Gillam	Murdoch	Wheeler
Goodell	Nash	Whitney
Goodyear	Niedermeier	Wood
Gordon	Oberdorffer	Speaker
Gustin	Pack	

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Oberdorffer,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

By the committee on Elections:

The committee on Elections, to whom was referred

House bill No. 98, entitled

A bill to provide for two voting precincts in the township of Sault Ste. Marie, in the county of Chippewa, and the conduct of elections thereat.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, without amendment and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

SHERMAN T. HANDY,

Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

Pending the order that the bill be printed, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order,

On motion of Mr. Chandler,

The rules were suspended, two-thirds of all the members present voting therefor, and the bill was put upon its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Aldrich

Alward

Anderson

Baumgaertner

Brownell

Bryan

Burch

Burdick

Buskirk

Carton

Chamberlain

Chandler

Cheever

Colby

Colvin

Dickinson

Dingley

Dudley

Gillam

Gillette

Goodell

Mr. Handy

Hatzenbuhler

Heck

Heineman

Herrig

Hofmeister

Howell

Keep

Kingott

Lugers

Lusk

McCall

McKay

McLean

McLeod

Mason

Moore

Murdoch

Nash

Niedermeier

Oberdorffer

Mr. Randall

Read, J. H.

Reed, G. W.

Reed, W. A.

Robinson

Rulison

Schmidt

Scully

Shepherd

Shisler

Soper

Stewart

Stumpenhusen

Sutherland

Watters

Weier

Wells

Weter

Wheeler

Whitney

Wood

Mr. Goodyear
Gordon
Hall

Mr. Pack
Pearson

Mr. Woodruff
Speaker

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Chandler,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

By the committee on Public Lands:

The committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred

House joint resolution No. 72, entitled

Joint resolution authorizing the issue of a patent for certain State swamp lands in Ogemaw county to Milton Adams.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, without amendment and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

E. P. KEEP,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The joint resolution was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.

The Speaker announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, February 9, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed by the Senate to transmit to the House the following bill:

Senate bill No. 25 (file No. 3), entitled

A bill to amend section 7 of an act entitled "An act to revise the laws providing for the incorporation of railroad companies and to regulate the running and management and to fix the duties and liabilities of all railroad and other corporations owning and operating any railroad in this State," the same being paragraph 3321 of Howell's annotated statutes.

Which has passed the Senate by a majority vote of all the Senators elect, and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

CHARLES S. PIERCE,
Secretary of the Senate.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and referred to the committee on Railroads.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, February 9, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed by the Senate to transmit to the House the following bill:

Senate bill No. 12 (file No. 6), entitled

A bill to amend section 5, chapter 143, of Howell's annotated statutes, entitled "Libraries and Lyceums," being compiler's section 4411 of Howell's annotated statutes.

Which has passed the Senate by a majority vote of all the Senators elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect has been ordered to take immediate effect, and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

CHARLES S. PIERCE,

Secretary of the Senate.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and referred to the committee on Education.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,

Lansing, February 9, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed by the Senate to transmit to the House the following bill:

Senate bill No. 21 (file No. 2), entitled

A bill to amend section 1 of act No. 230 of the public acts of 1897, entitled "An act to provide for the formation of corporations for the purpose of owning, maintaining and improving lands and other property kept for the purpose of summer resorts or for ornament, recreation or amusement, and to repeal all laws or parts of laws in conflict herewith."

Which has passed the Senate by a majority vote of all the Senators elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect has been ordered to take immediate effect, and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

CHARLES S. PIERCE,

Secretary of the Senate.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and referred to the committee on Private Corporations.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,

Lansing, February 9, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed by the Senate to transmit to the House the following bill:

Senate bill No. 90, entitled

A bill to change name of Ale Buursma to Ale Bursma.

Which has passed the Senate by a majority vote of all the Senators elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect has been ordered to take immediate effect, and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

CHARLES S. PIERCE,

Secretary of the Senate.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Shisler,

The rules were suspended, two-thirds of all the members present voting therefor, and the bill was put upon its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Alward	Mr. Hatzenbuehler	Mr. Read, J. H.
Anderson	Heck	Reed, G. W.
Baumgaertner	Heineman	Reed, W. A.
Brownell	Herrig	Robinson
Bryan	Hofmeister	Rulison
Burch	Howell	Schmidt
Burdick	Keep	Scully
Buskirk	Kelly	Shepherd
Carton	Kingott	Shisler
Chamberlain	Lugers	Soper
Chandler	Lusk	Stewart
Cheever	McCall	Stumpenhusen
Colby	McCallum	Sutherland
Colvin	McKay	Taziman
Davis	McLean	Van Camp
Dickinson	McLeod	Watters
Dingley	Mason	Wayne
Dudley	Moore	Weier
Foster	Murdoch	Wells
Gillam	Nash	Weter
Gillette	Niedermeier	Wheeler
Goodell	Oberdorffer	Wood
Goodyear	Pack	Woodruff
Gustin	Pearson	Speaker
Hall	Randall	
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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Shisler,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, February 9, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House the following bill:

House bill No. 32, entitled

A bill to authorize the Commissioner of the State Land Office of this State to issue a patent to James O. Ferguson and Cora A. Ferguson, for

the N. E. $\frac{1}{4}$ of the S. E. $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 16, township 3 south, of range 4 west, confirming the title thereto in James O. Ferguson and Cora A. Ferguson.

In the passage of which the Senate has concurred by a majority vote of all the Senators elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect has ordered the same to take immediate effect.

Very respectfully,

CHARLES S. PIERCE,

Secretary of the Senate.

The bill was referred for enrollment and presentation to the Governor, under the rules.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, February 8, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed by the Senate to transmit to the House the following bill:

Senate bill No. 24 (file No. 5), entitled

A bill to authorize the prosecuting attorney for the county of Tuscola, Michigan, to appoint an assistant prosecuting attorney, and prescribing his powers, duties and compensation.

Which has passed the Senate by a majority vote of all the Senators elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect has been ordered to take immediate effect, and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

CHARLES S. PIERCE,

Secretary of the Senate.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. McKay,

The rules were suspended, two-thirds of all the members present voting therefor, and the bill was put upon its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Alward

Anderson

Baumgaertner

Brownell

Bryan

Burch

Burdick

Buskirk

Carton

Chamberlain

Chandler

Cheever

Colby

Mr. Gordon

Gustin

Hall

Hatzenbuehler

Heck

Herrig

Howell

Keep

Kelly

Kingott

Lugers

Lusk

McCall

Mr. Randall

Read, J. H.

Reed, G. W.

Reed, W. A.

Robinson

Rulison

Schmidt

Scully

Shepherd

Shisler

Soper

Stewart

Stumpenhusen

Mr. Colvin	Mr. McCallum	Mr. Sutherland
Crosby	McKay	Taziman
Davis	McLean	Van Camp
Dickinson	McLeod	Watters
Dingley	Mason	Wayne
Dudley	Moore	Weier
Fleischhauer	Murdoch	Wheeler
Gillam	Nash	Weter
Gillette	Niedermeier	Wood
Goodell	Oberdorffer	Woodruff
Goodyear	Pearson	Speaker

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Title agreed to.

Or motion of Mr. McKay,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, February 9, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed by the Senate to transmit to the House the following bill:

Senate bill No. 18 (file No. 14), entitled

A bill to provide for the purchase of books and equipments for the Michigan State library and the Michigan traveling libraries.

Which has passed the Senate by a majority vote of all the Senators elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect has been ordered to take immediate effect, and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

CHARLES S. PIERCE,
Secretary of the Senate.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on State Library.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, February 9, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed by the Senate to transmit to the House the following bill:

Senate bill No. 9 (file No. 4), entitled

A bill to authorize the formation of corporations for intellectual, scientific, æsthetic, spiritual, liberal culture or inquiry, and to repeal an act entitled "An act to authorize the formation of associations for intellectual, scientific, æsthetic, spiritual, religious or liberal culture or inquiry," approved May 20, 1879, being chapter 147 of Howell's annotated statutes.

Which has passed the Senate by a majority vote of all the Senators

elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect has been ordered to take immediate effect, and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,
CHARLES S. PIERCE,
Secretary of the Senate.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, February 10, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House the following bill:

House bill No. 117, entitled

A bill to provide for the relief of sick, disabled and needy ex-soldiers, sailors and marines of the late Spanish-American war.

And to inform the House that the Senate has amended the same, as follows.

1. By striking out of line 13 of section 5 the words "and all moneys remaining unexpended of said appropriation thereafter, shall revert to and become a part of the general fund of the State," and inserting in lieu thereof the words: "Provided, That every county having an unused balance of this appropriation to its credit shall have the same placed to the credit of the general tax account of such county with the State."

2. By inserting at the end of section 6 the following proviso:

"Provided, That no money raised under and by virtue of this act shall be used for the payment of any bills for medical service, medicine or care and attendance rendered prior to the passage of this act."

In the passage of which, as amended, the Senate has concurred by a majority vote of all the Senators elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect has ordered the same to take immediate effect.

Very respectfully,
CHARLES S. PIERCE,
Secretary of the Senate.

The question being on concurring in the amendments made by the Senate to the bill,

The House concurred, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Alward
Anderson
Baumgärtner
Brownell
Bryan
Burch
Burfoot
Buskirk
Carton

Mr. Handy
Hatzenbuhler
Heck
Heineman
Hofmeister
Howell
Keep
Kingott
Lugers

Mr. Randall
Read, J. H.
Reed, G. W.
Reed, W. A.
Robinson
Rulison
Schmidt
Scully
Shepherd

Mr. Chamberlain	Mr. Lusk	Mr. Shisler
Chandler	McCall	Soper
Cheever	McCallum	Stumpenhuisen
Colby	McKay	Sutherland
Colvin	McLean	Taziman
Crosby	McLeod	Van Camp
Davis	Mason	Watters
Dickinson	Moore	Wayne
Dingley	Murdoch	Weier
Dudley	Nash	Wells
Foster	Niedermeier	Weter
Gillam	Oberdorffer	Wheeler
Gillette	Pack	Whitney
Gustin	Pearson	Wood
Hall	Phillips	'Speaker

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The bill was referred for enrollment and presentation to the Governor, under the rules.

NOTICES.

Mr. Burch gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to provide for the docketing of civil causes and proceedings in circuit courts and to repeal compiler's sections 7016 and 7017, chapter 249, and sections 7550 and 7552, chapter 263, and section 8340, chapter 288, and section 8983, chapter 312, of Howell's annotated statutes of Michigan, column 2, and all acts and parts of acts contravening the provisions of this act.

Mr. Shisler gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to provide for a board to condemn property, for gravel pit purposes.

Mr. Shepherd gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend act No. 180 of the session laws of 1897, entitled "An act to provide for the protection of the reputation and good name of certain persons."

Mr. Keep gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend an act entitled "An act authorizing the incorporation of homes for aged, infirm or indigent men or women," approved March 26, 1897, being act No. 52 of the session laws of 1897.

Mr. Keep gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to prohibit the hunting or killing of rabbits or hares by the use of a ferret or rat.

Mr. Colby gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to change the names of Charles Henry Sullivan, Lyda Sullivan and Harrold Sullivan to Charles Henry Evans, Lyda Evans and Harrold Evans, respectively.

Mr. Gillam gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill making an appropriation of State swamp lands for the purpose of clearing out the east branch of the Au Gres river in the township of Sherman in the county of Iosco.

Mr. Pearson gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend section 1 of chapter 94 of the revised statutes of 1846, entitled "Of criminal proceedings before justices of the peace," being section 1019 of the compiled laws of 1897.

Mr. Burfoot gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend sections 111 and 118 of chapter 90 of the revised statutes of 1846, relative to process and proceedings of circuit courts in chancery upon bills for foreclosure or satisfaction of mortgages, being sections 6701 and 6708 of Howell's annotated statutes.

Mr. Burfoot gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to provide for the appraisement of real estate or any interest therein, offered for sale at mortgage sale, sheriff's sale or chancery sale, and to prohibit the sale thereof at less than two-thirds of its appraised value.

Mr. Dudley gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to provide an appropriation for the Central Michigan Normal School.

Mr. Murdoch gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend section 3 of chapter 11 of act No. 243 of the public acts of 1881, entitled "An act to revise and consolidate the laws relating to the establishment, opening, improvement and maintenance of highways and private roads, and the building, repairing and preservation of bridges within this State," being section 4169 of the compiled laws of 1897.

Mr. Dickinson gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend section 30, chapter 7 of an act entitled "An act to provide a charter for the city of Detroit and to repeal all acts or parts of acts in conflict therewith," approved June 7, 1883.

Mr. Dickinson gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend the charter of the city of Detroit and to provide for the appointment by the mayor of a police commissioner, a health officer, a commissioner of parks and boulevards, a water commissioner, commissioner of prisons, city counsellor, a fire commissioner, a commissioner of public works and a lighting commissioner.

Mr. Goodell gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill prohibiting the County Treasurer of Wayne county from paying the supervisors of said county for taking or making out the cereal report.

Mr. Lusk gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to provide for the inspection of all coal mines in the State of Michigan and to protect the lives and health of miners and the interests of owners and operators of said mines.

Mr. Lusk gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to provide for the encouragement of the manufacture of beet sugar and to provide a compensation thereon, and to make an appropriation therefor.

Mr. Heineman gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to enable the regents of the University of Michigan to receive any money or other property for the ultimate use of the university and to invest the same in the best manner possible, subject to the payment of the net income derived therefrom, or any portion thereof, to any specific person or persons then living during the life or lives of such person or persons.

Mr. Lagers gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend act No. 271 of the local acts of 1893, entitled "An act to reincorporate the city of Holland."

Mr. Whitney gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend sections Nos. 1 and 30 of act No. 156 of the public acts of the State of Michigan for the year 1851, as amended by act No. 44 of the public acts of 1869 and act No. 88 of the public acts of 1873, and act No. 102 of the public acts of 1879, the same being compiler's sections 473 and 502, Howell's annotated statutes, relative to the powers and duties of Boards of Supervisors.

Mr. Shepherd gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to create a forestry commission and to define its powers and duties.

Mr. Howell gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill making an appropriation for the Industrial Home for Boys for current expenses, repairs, improvements and the building of a cold storage room, for the years of 1899 and 1900

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

Mr. Van Camp, unanimous consent being given, introduced House bill No. 229, entitled

A bill to amend section 1 of act No. 187, approved June 17, 1887, entitled "An act to revise the laws providing for the incorporation of co-operative and mutual benefit associations, and to define the powers and

duties and regulate the transaction of the business of all such corporations and associations doing business within this State."

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Dingley, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 230, entitled

A bill to revise and amend an act to reincorporate the city of Kalamazoo and to repeal an act entitled "An act to incorporate the city of Kalamazoo," and to repeal an act entitled "An act to reincorporate the village of Kalamazoo, and to repeal all inconsistent acts and parts of acts, approved March 15, 1851, as amended by the several acts amendatory thereof," approved June 8, 1883, as amended by the several acts amendatory thereof, and to repeal all inconsistent acts and parts of acts.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and referred to the committee on City Corporations.

Mr. Dingley, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 231, entitled

A bill to provide for the taxation of certain transfers of property by gift, grant, inheritance, devise or bequest.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and referred to the committee on General Taxation.

Mr. Wheeler, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 232, entitled

A bill to amend an act relative to the appointment and qualification of notaries public and the duties of county clerks relative thereto, being act No. 117 of the public acts of 1887, by adding thereto a new section to be known as section 4 of said act.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Wheeler,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Hatzenbuhler, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill 233, entitled

A bill to amend section 2 of chapter 20 of "An act relative to free schools in the city of Detroit," approved February 24, 1869, and amended March 28, 1873, March 11, 1881, and June 8, 1883.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Hatzenbuhler,

The rules were suspended, two-thirds of all the members present voting therefor, and the bill was put upon its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Aldrich
Alward

Mr. Gordon
Hatzenbuhler

Mr. Reed, G. W.
Reed, W. A.

Mr. Anderson	Mr. Heck	Mr. Robinson
Baumgärtner	Heineman	Rulison
Bryan	Herrig	Schmidt
Burch	Hofmeister	Scully
Burfoot	Howell	Shepherd
Buskirk	Keep	Shisler
Carton	Kingott	Soper
Chamberlain	Lugers	Stewart
Chandler	McCall	Stumpenhusen
Cheever	McCallum	Sutherland
Colby	McKay	Van Camp
Colvin	McLean	Watters
Crosby	McLeod	Wayne
Davis	Mason	Weier
Dickinson	Moore	Wells
Dingley	Murdoch	Weter
Dudley	Nash	Wheeler
Fleischhauer	Niedermeier	Wood
Gillam	Oberdorffer	Woodruff
Gillette	Randall	Speaker
Goodyear	Read, J. H.	

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Hatzenbuehler,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

Mr. Chamberlain asked unanimous consent to give notice of the introduction of some bills, out of order.

Mr. Cheever objected.

Mr. Chamberlain moved that the rules be suspended and that he be allowed to introduce some notices at this time.

Which motion prevailed, two-thirds of all the members present voting therefor.

Mr. Chamberlain then gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend section 1 of act No. 93 of the public acts of 1895, entitled "An act to provide for the taxation and regulation of the business of manufacturing, selling, keeping for sale, furnishing, giving or delivering spirituous and intoxicating liquors and malt, brewed or fermented liquors in this State, and to repeal all acts or parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act."

Mr. Chamberlain also gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to provide for the location and conduct of a normal school at Marquette, in the upper peninsula of this State, and to make an appropriation for the same.

Messrs. McCall and Kelly, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 234, entitled

A bill to provide for the encouragement of the manufacture of beet sugar, and to provide a compensation therefor, and to make an appropriation therefor.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on State Affairs.

Mr. Niedermeier, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 235, entitled

A bill to amend act No. 254 of the public acts of 1897.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Drainage.

Mr. Gillette, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 236, entitled

A bill to amend section 18 of act No. 206 of the public acts of 1893, entitled "An act to provide for the assessment of property and the levy (and collection) of taxes thereon, and for the collection of taxes heretofore and hereafter levied, making such taxes a lien on the lands taxed, establishing and continuing such lien, providing for the sale and conveyance of lands delinquent for taxes, and for the inspection and disposition of lands bid off to the State and not redeemed or purchased and to repeal act No. 200 of the public acts of 1891, and all other acts and parts of acts in anywise contravening any of the provisions of this act."

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on General Taxation.

Mr. Bryan, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 237, entitled

A bill to facilitate the construction and maintenance of sidewalks in road district No. 10 in the township of Ecorse, Wayne county, Michigan.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Eryan

The rules were suspended, two-thirds of the members present voting therefor, and the bill was put upon its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Aldrich	Mr. Gustin	Mr. Read, J. H.
Alward	Hall	Reed, G. W.
Anderson	Handy	Reed, W. A.
Baumgartner	Hatzenbuhler	Robinson
Brownell	Heck	Rulison
Bryan	Heineman	Schmidt
Burch	Herrig	Scully
Burdick	Hofmeister	Shepherd
Burfoot	Howell	Shisler
Buskirk	Keep	Soper
Carton	Kingott	Stewart
Chamberlain	Lugers	Stumpfenhusen

Mr. Chandler	Mr. Lusk	Mr. Sutherland
Cheever	McCall	Taziman
Colby	McCallum	Van Camp
Colvin	McKay	Watters
Davis	McLean	Wayne
Dickinson	McLeod	Weier
Dingley	Mason	Wells
Dudley	Moore	Weter
Fleischhauer	Murdoch	Wheeler
Gillam	Nash	Whitney
Gillette	Niedermeier	Wood
Goodell	Pearson	Woodruff
Goodyear	Randall	Speaker
Gordon		

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Bryan,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

Mr. Shepherd, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 238, entitled

A bill to amend section 10 of chapter 24 of act No. 333 of the session laws of 1889, approved March 13, 1889, entitled "An act to incorporate the city of Cheboygan and to repeal an act entitled 'An act to reincorporate the village of Cheboygan in the county of Cheboygan,'" approved March 27, 1877.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Village Corporations.

Mr. Shepherd, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 239, entitled

A bill to amend chapter 14 of the revised statutes of 1846, entitled "Of county officers," by adding thereto a new section to stand as section 105a, providing a lien in favor of county surveyors on land benefited by their services.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Heck, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 240, entitled

A bill to provide for the location and erection of a new State building at Lansing.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on State Capitol and Public Buildings.

Mr. Heck, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 241, entitled

A bill to provide for the sale of the old State office property at Lansing.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on State Affairs.

Mr. Heineman, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 242, entitled

A bill to provide for the control of the public free schools and the district public library in the school district included within the limits of the city of Detroit, and to repeal act No. 233 of the session laws of the year 1869, and amendments thereto, excepting section 27, relating to the public school teachers' retirement fund.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Education.

Mr. Gordon, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 243, entitled

A bill to authorize the light and power commission of the city of Marquette to acquire, take and hold lands, water powers and other interests in lands necessary to carry out the objects and purposes of said commission.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on City Corporations.

Mr. Shisler, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 244, entitled

A bill to amend section 37 of chapter 177 of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to probate courts, being compiler's section 6791 of Howell's annotated statutes, as to costs in contested cases.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Revision and Amendment of the Statutes.

Mr. Goodell, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 245, entitled

A bill to prohibit the buying, selling and dealing in grain, stocks, bonds, securities, provisions and other commodities, where the persons so buying, selling and dealing do not intend to receive or deliver the same, and are not at the time in the possession and control thereof, and prohibiting the keeping and maintaining of places for the purpose of carrying on or transacting such business, and fixing the penalties for the violations of the provisions hereof.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Agriculture.

THIRD READING OF BILLS.

House bill No. 4 (file No. 9), entitled

A bill to legalize certain bonds of the township of Brooks, in Newaygo county,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Aldrich
Alward

Mr. Hall
Handy

Mr. Read, J. H.
Reed, G. W.

Mr. Anderson	Mr. Hatzenbuehler	Mr. Reed, W. A.
Baumgaertner	Heck	Robinson
Brownell	Heineman	Rulison
Burdick	Hofmeister	Schmidt
Burfoot	Howell	Scully
Buskirk	Keep	Shepherd
Carton	Kingott	Shisler
Chamberlain	Lugers	Stewart
Chandler	McCall	Stumpenhusen
Cheever	McCallum	Sutherland
Colby	McKay	Taziman
Colvin	McLean	Van Camp
Davis	McLeod	Watters
Dickinson	Mason	Wayne
Dingley	Moore	Weier
Dudley	Murdoch	Wells
Foster	Nash	Weter
Gillam	Niedermeier	Wheeler
Gillette	Pack	Whitney
Goodell	Pearson	Wood
Goodyear	Randall	Speaker

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Dudley,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Chamberlain offered the following:

Resolved, That when the House adjourns on Tuesday, February 21, it stand adjourned to Thursday, February 23, at 9 o'clock p. m.

For which,

Mr. Gustin offered the following substitute:

Resolved, That when the Legislature adjourns on Tuesday, February 21, it stand adjourned to Monday, February 27, at 9 o'clock p. m.

Which was accepted.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution as amended by the substitute.

Mr. Hall moved to amend the same by striking out the date, "February 21" and inserting "February 23" in lieu thereof.

Pending which,

On motion of Mr. Anderson,

The resolution was laid on the table.

Mr. Stewart offered the following:

Resolved, That when the House adjourns today it stand adjourned till Monday at 4 p. m.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution,

Mr. Gustin moved to amend the same by making the hour 9 o'clock p. m.

Which was accepted.

The resolution as amended was then adopted.

Mr. Hall offered the following:

Whereas, The sending of the Legislative Journal to the various public officers, newspapers, notaries, etc., as contemplated in the concurrent resolution adopted for that purpose, will insure an enormous expense for printing, contractor's services and postage; therefore be it

Resolved by the House (the Senate concurring), That the concurrent resolution recently adopted by both houses, providing for such mailing of the Legislative Journals, be and the same is hereby rescinded.

Laid over one day under the rules.

Mr. Bryan moved that the House adjourn.

Which motion prevailed, and

The Speaker declared the House adjourned until 9 o'clock p. m., on Monday next.

{ REPRESENTATIVE HALL, LANSING,
Monday, February 13, 1899.

The House met pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Bowers.

Roll called: quorum present.

Absent without leave: Messrs. Burfoot, Dickinson, Dingley, Gray, Gustin, Lusk, Moore, Scully, Stewart, Taziman, Van Camp and Wood.

On motion of Mr. Robinson,

Leave of absence was granted to all absentees for the day.

On motion of Mr. Pack,

Leave of absence was granted to Mr. Moore indefinitely on account of sickness.

BILLS PRESENTED TO THE GOVERNOR.

By the Clerk:

I have to report that I have this day enrolled, compared and presented to the Governor,

House bill No. 155, entitled

An act to vacate the township of Wheatfield, in the county of Montmorency, Michigan, and to incorporate the territory comprised therein in the township of Vienna, in the county of Montmorency.

In accordance with the rules and order of the House: the receipt for the same being dated 7:15 o'clock p. m., Feb. 10, 1899.

LEWIS M. MILLER,

Clerk of the House.

By the Clerk:

I have to report that I have this day enrolled, compared and presented to the Governor,

House bill No. 54, entitled

An act to revise the laws relating to the incorporation of the public schools of Muskegon.

In accordance with the rules and order of the House: the receipt for the same being dated 7:15 o'clock p. m., Feb. 10, 1899.

LEWIS M. MILLER,

Clerk of the House.

By the Clerk:

I have to report that I have this day enrolled, compared and presented to the Governor,

House bill No. 156, entitled

An act to vacate the townships of Blaine, Grove, Ball and Center Plains, in the county of Crawford, and to incorporate the territory comprised therein with the townships of Maple Forest, South Branch, Beaver Creek and Grayling, in said county.

In accordance with the rules and order of the House: the receipt for the same being dated 7:15 o'clock p. m., Feb. 10, 1899.

LEWIS M. MILLER,

Clerk of the House.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS.

No. 52. By Mr. Dudley: Petition of Thomas Kelly and 27 others, asking for a law to prohibit the killing of deer for a term of five years in a certain part of this State.

Referred to the committee on Fisheries and Game.

No. 53. By Mr. Dudley: Petition of Fred Gleason and 57 others, asking for a law to prohibit the killing of deer for a term of five years in a certain part of this State.

Referred to the committee on Fisheries and Game.

No. 54. By Mr. Dudley: Petition of Samuel D. Bonner and 55 others, asking for a law to prohibit the killing of deer for a term of five years in a certain part of this State.

Referred to the committee on Fisheries and Game.

No. 55. By Mr. Wheeler: Petition of Henry Wilson and 30 others, asking that all wagons constructed for drawing heavy loads have tires not less than 3 inches wide.

Referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

No. 56. By Mr. Fleischhauer: Petition of J. D. Rumburger and 42 others, asking for a law to prohibit the killing of deer for a term of five years in a certain part of this State.

Referred to the committee on Fisheries and Game.

No. 57. By Mr. W. A. Reed: Petition of the W. C. T. U., of Munith, Jackson county, Michigan, against the measure to repeal all restrictions in regard to legal holidays.

Referred to the committee on Liquor Traffic.

No. 58. By Mr. Gillam: Petition of John Westervelt and 24 others, asking for a law to prohibit the killing of deer for a term of five years in a certain part of this State.

Referred to the committee on Fisheries and Game.

No. 59. By Mr. Gillam: Petition of Maynard Butts and 12 others,

asking for a law to prohibit the killing of deer for a term of five years in a certain part of this State.

Referred to the committee on Fisheries and Game.

No. 60. By Mr. Randall: Petition of Alvin S. Walker and 37 others, asking for a law to prohibit the killing of deer for a term of five years in a certain part of this State.

Referred to the committee on Fisheries and Game.

No. 61. By Mr. Colvin: Petition of Casper Keeler and 80 others, asking for the passage of a bill repealing the act under which the village of Carrollton, in the county of Saginaw, is incorporated.

Referred to the committee on Village Corporations.

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.

The Speaker announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, February 10, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House the following bill:

House bill No. 40, entitled

A bill for the protection of fish in the lakes known as Eagle lake, in the townships of Bloomingdale and Cheshire, in the counties of Van Buren and Allegan, and the lakes known as Pugley's lake and Four-Mile lake, in the township of Paw Paw, in the county of Van Buren, for a period of ten years.

In the passage of which the Senate has concurred by a majority vote of all the Senators elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect has ordered the same to take immediate effect.

Very respectfully

CHARLES S. PIERCE,
Secretary of the Senate.

The bill was referred for enrollment and presentation to the Governor, under the rules.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, February 10, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House the following concurrent resolution:

Whereas, It is provided by the act of Congress, known as the Naval Appropriation Act, approved May 4, 1898, that hereafter all first-class battleships of the United States shall be named for the States of the Union; and

Whereas, The name of the State of Michigan has not hitherto been recognized in the naming of the ships of the United States navy except in the case of a very small and antiquated vessel which has done duty on the great lakes since the days of the civil war; and

Whereas, The naming of a battleship of the navy for the State of Michigan would be a deserved and appropriate compliment on the part

of the Federal Government to those sons of Michigan who have, in the recent war, maintained on land and sea her time-honored prestige for patriotism and valor; be it therefore

Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Michigan (the Senate concurring), That the Senators in Congress from the State of Michigan be and are hereby requested to present to the President of the United States and to the Secretary of the Navy the request of the Legislature of Michigan, made in behalf of the people of the State, that the next battleship in construction or to be constructed, and for the naming of which no provision has already been made, shall be called the "Michigan."

Resolved further, That two copies of the foregoing resolution, duly attested by the Secretary of State, and sealed with the great seal of the State, be transmitted to the Senators in Congress from the State of Michigan, for presentation by them to the President and to the Secretary of the Navy.

In the adoption of which the Senate has concurred.

Very respectfully,

CHARLES S. PIERCE,
Secretary of the Senate.

The resolutions were referred for enrollment and presentation to the Governor, under the rules.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, February 10, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed by the Senate respectfully to request the House to re-transmit to the Senate

House bill No. 156, entitled

A bill to vacate the townships of Blaine, Grove, Ball and Center Plains, in the county of Crawford, and to incorporate the territory comprised therein with the townships of Maple Forest, South Branch, Beaver Creek and Grayling, in said county.

Very respectfully,

CHARLES S. PIERCE,
Secretary of the Senate.

The question being on complying with the request of the Senate for the return of the bill,

On motion of Mr. Gillam,

The request was laid on the table.

NOTICES.

Mr. Lagers gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to prohibit the shooting of wild fowl in Black River lake and Black river, in the county of Ottawa and State of Michigan, by persons on board of any floating device which employs as motive power steam, gas, naphtha, oil or electricity.

Mr. Eikhoff gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to provide for the payment of salaries, wages and moneys due persons holding office under, or employed either directly or indirectly by this State or any county, township or municipality in this State.

Mr. Shepherd gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to confer power and authority upon the common council of the village of Harbor Springs to extend the electric light plant of said village beyond its corporate limits so as to light the Roaring Brook, We-que-ton-sing, Harbor Point, Emmet Beach, and Idlewild summer resorts, and to purchase and acquire property and to erect all proper and necessary structures in connection therewith; also to fix equitable rates for supplying the inhabitants of said resorts with lights.

Mr. McCallum gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to detach certain territory from the county of Delta and to attach the same to the county of Schoolcraft.

Mr. McCallum gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to authorize the township of Burt, in Alger county, Michigan, to borrow money to be used in public improvements in and for the benefit of said township, and to issue bonds therefor.

Mr. McCallum gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend section 22 of act 149 of the public acts of 1893, entitled "An act to provide for a county and township system of roads and to prescribe the powers and duties of the officers having charge thereof," as amended by act No. 45 of the public acts of 1897.

Mr. Wing gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to prohibit the taking or catching of fish in Gun lake, in the counties of Barry and Allegan, by means of spears, nets, set-lines, or night-lines, snares, artificial lights or explosive substances, and to prohibit the taking or catching of fish in any way during certain seasons of the year.

Mr. Wing gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill for the better regulation and practice of medicine in this State, and the prohibition of vendors of quack medicines in this State as detrimental to the general health and well being of the citizens and people of Michigan, and the higher education of medical students in this State, not only at the university, but also at all medical schools and colleges.

Mr. Hammond gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend section 6 of act No. 198 of the session laws of 1877, entitled "An act to provide for a tax upon dogs, and to create a fund for the payment of certain damages for sheep killed or wounded by them in certain cases," being section 2128 of Howell's annotated statutes of the State of Michigan.

Mr. Hammond gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to authorize the common council of the city of Pontiac to provide that all the moneys collected in said city under the provisions of act 198 of the session laws of 1877, as amended by act 179 of the session laws of 1895, in excess of the amounts required under the provisions of said act to be paid to satisfy losses caused by the killing or injuring of sheep by dogs, may be used for the support and maintenance of a certain library in said city.

Mr. Kelly gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend act No. 48 of the session laws of 1897, entitled "An act to provide for the encouragement of the manufacture of beet sugar and to provide a compensation therefor, and to make an appropriation therefor, and to repeal all acts or parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act."

Mr. Chandler gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to provide an appropriation for the Upper Peninsula Asylum for Insane.

Mr. Phillips gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to authorize and direct the quartermaster general to effect suitable insurance on the military stores, arms and equipments, including all military property belonging to the State of Michigan.

Mr. Pack gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend the charter of the city of Sturgis.

Mr. Pack gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill regulating the operation of sleeping cars in the State of Michigan, and fixing the rates to be charged therein.

Mr. McCall gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to prohibit the manufacture and sale of cigarettes in the State of Michigan.

Mr. Chandler gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend section 9 of act No. 140 of the public acts of 1889, entitled "An act to authorize the formation of corporations for acquiring, holding, leasing and selling real estate, and for the erection of buildings thereon," approved June 8, 1889, and being compiler's section 3983 of Howell's annotated statutes of Michigan, as amended by act No. 60 of the public acts of 1891, approved May 6, 1891.

Mr. Burch gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend section 1 of act No. 96 of the public acts of the year 1889 of the public acts of the State of Michigan, entitled "An act to provide for the compensation of the coroners of Wayne county."

Mr. Burch gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend section 13 of the act entitled "An act to establish a police government for the city of Detroit," approved April 17, 1871, and the acts amendatory thereof.

Mr. Wells gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to set aside a part of fractional school district No. 1, school district No. 3 and school district No. 6, in the townships of Warren and Sterling, in the county of Macomb, and to make a new district thereof.

Mr. Fleischhauer gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill regulating the employment of freight and passenger conductors on all railroads of this State.

Mr. Fleischhauer gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill authorizing the Commissioner of the State Land Office to lease the State tax lands in certain cases.

Mr. Fleischhauer gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend sections 18 and 21 of act No. 206 of public acts of 1893, entitled "An act to provide for the assessment of property and the levy and collection of taxes thereon, and for the collection of taxes heretofore and hereafter levied, and making such taxes a lien on the lands taxed, establishing and continuing such lien, providing for the sale and conveyance of lands delinquent for taxes, and for the inspection and disposition of lands bid off to the State and not redeemed or purchased, and to repeal act No. 200, public acts of 1891, and all other acts in anywise contravening any of the provisions of this act."

Mr. Fleischhauer gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to vacate the townships of Glencoe, Yates, Eden and Lake, in Lake county.

Mr. Watters gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend act No. 137 of the public acts of 1885, relative to the number of hours constituting a lawful day's labor within this State.

Mr. Colvin gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to repeal act No. 382 of the local acts of 1881, entitled "An act to re-incorporate the village of Carrollton, in the county of Saginaw," approved May 12, in the year 1881, and to provide for the disposition to be made of the property and the payment of the liabilities of the said village of Carrollton and to repeal all acts and parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act.

Mr. Wheeler gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill relating to granting, regulating and licensing the business of hawking and peddling goods, wares and merchandise in the several townships and unincorporated villages in the State of Michigan.

Mr. Wheeler gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill prohibiting the spearing of whitefish in Portage and Little Portage lakes.

Mr. Anderson gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to regulate the practice of veterinary medicine and surgery in the State of Michigan.

Mr. Wheeler gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill regulating width of tire to be used on wagons or carriages used in moving heavy loads on the public highways of Washtenaw county.

Mr. Howell gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend section 3 of an act entitled "An act to authorize the formation of associations for intellectual, scientific, aesthetic, religious or liberal culture or inquiry," approved May 30, 1879, being section 4438 of Howell's annotated statutes.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

Mr. Lugers, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 246, entitled

A bill to amend section 15 of chapter 39 of Howell's annotated statutes, the same being compiler's section 1647 relative to township boards of health.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Public Health.

Mr. Pearson, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 247, entitled

A bill to amend section 1 of chapter 94 of the revised statutes of 1846, entitled "Of criminal proceedings before justices of the peace," the same being section 1019 of the compiled laws of 1897.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

Mr. McCallum, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 248, entitled

A bill to amend sections 127, 128, 129, 130, 131 and 134 of act No. 206 of the public acts of 1893, being an act to provide for the assessment of property and levy and collection of taxes thereon, and for the collection of taxes heretofore and hereafter levied, making such tax a lien on the lands taxed, establishing and continuing such lien, providing for the sale and conveyance of lands sold for taxes, and for the inspection and disposition of lands bid off to the State and not redeemed or purchased and to repeal act No. 200 of the public acts of 1891 and all other acts and parts of acts in anywise contravening any of the provisions of this act, as amended by act 154 of the public acts of 1895.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on General Taxation.

Mr. Eikhoff, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 249, entitled

A bill to repeal act No. 13 of the session laws of 1897, entitled "An act

to provide for the incorporation of labor associations," approved February 18, 1897.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Nevins, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 250, entitled

A bill to amend act No. 161 of the public acts of 1895, entitled "An act to require county treasurers to furnish transcripts and abstracts of records and fixing the fees to be paid therefor," as amended.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Colby, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 251, entitled

A bill to amend section 5 of act No. 190 of the public acts of 1891, entitled "An act to prescribe the manner of conducting and to prevent fraud and (deception) deceptions at elections in this State."

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Elections.

Mr. Gillette, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 252, entitled

A bill to amend section 19 of act No. 271 of the public acts of 1895, entitled "An act to amend sections 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 17 and 19, of act No. 190 of the public acts of 1891, entitled 'An act to prescribe the manner of conducting and to prevent fraud and (deception) deceptions at elections in this State,' as amended by acts amendatory thereto."

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Elections.

Mr. Shepherd, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 253, entitled

A bill to create a forestry commission and to define its powers and duties.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on State Affairs.

Mr. Murdoch, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 254, entitled

A bill to amend section 3 of chapter 11 of act No. 243 of the session laws of 1881, as amended by act 132 of the session laws of 1889, entitled "An act to revise and consolidate the laws relating to the establishing, opening, improvement and maintenance of highways and private roads and for building, repairing and preservation of bridges within this State," approved June 8, 1881.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

Mr. Kelly, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 255, entitled

A bill to prevent the forfeiture of life insurance policies and providing

the manner and method of determining the value thereof, and other matters relating thereto.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Insurance.

Mr. Kelly, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 256, entitled

A bill to repeal act No. 228 of the public acts of 1897, being an act entitled "An act to amend section 3 of article 3 of act 198, session laws of 1873, as amended by act 45 of the public acts of 1879, as amended by act 174, public acts of 1891; as amended by act 129, public acts 1893; entitled 'An act to revise the laws providing for the incorporation of railroad companies, and to regulate the running and management and to fix the duties and liabilities of all said roads and other corporations owning or operating any railroad in this State,' approved May 1, 1873, being compiler's section 3360, Howell's annotated statutes of Michigan.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Railroads.

Mr. Wayne, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 257, entitled

A bill to provide for the appropriation of 1,500 acres of State swamp lands for the purpose of widening and deepening Bullack Creek in the townships of Midland, Homer and Mount Haley, in the county of Midland.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Chamberlain, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 258, entitled

A bill to provide for the location, establishment and conduct of a normal school at Marquette, in the upper peninsula of this State, and to make an appropriation for the same.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Normal Schools.

Mr. Keep, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 259, entitled

A bill to prohibit the hunting or killing of rabbits or hares by the use of a ferret or rat.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Agriculture.

Mr. Keep, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 260, entitled

A bill to amend section 9 of act No. 52 of the public acts of 1897, entitled "An act authorizing the incorporation of homes for aged, infirm or indigent men or women," approved March 26, 1897.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Being the consideration of the following:

Whereas, The sending of the Legislative Journal to the various public

officers, newspapers, notaries, etc., as contemplated in the concurrent resolution adopted for that purpose, will insure an enormous expense for printing, contractor's services and postage; therefore be it

Resolved by the House (the Senate concurring), That the concurrent resolution recently adopted by both houses, providing for such mailing of the Legislative Journals, be and the same is hereby rescinded.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution,

Mr. Shepherd moved that the further consideration of the resolution be indefinitely postponed.

Which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Chamberlain,

The House adjourned.

REPRESENTATIVE HALL, LANSING,

Tuesday, February 14, 1899.

The House met pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Myers.

Roll called: quorum present.

Absent without leave: None.

On motion of Mr. Lusk,

Leave of absence was granted to himself for each Monday during the session.

BILLS PRESENTED TO THE GOVERNOR.

By the Clerk:

I have to report that I have this day enrolled, compared and presented to the Governor,

House bill No. 23, entitled

An act to provide for the rental of the armories of the Michigan State National Guard.

In accordance with the rules and order of the House: the receipt for the same being dated 11:22 a. m., Feb. 14, 1899.

LEWIS M. MILLER,

Clerk of the House.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS.

No. 62. By Mr. Heineman: Petition of William A. Hurst and 27 others of the city of Detroit asking for the passage of the bill creating a stenographer for the courts of the circuit court commissioners for Wayne county.

Referred to the committee on Judiciary.

No. 63. By Mr. Heineman: Petition of John F. Duncan and nine others of St. Joseph, Berrien county, asking for the passage of House bill No. 16, entitled "A bill to protect sidewalks and sidepaths and to provide a penalty for its violation."

Referred to the committee on Towns and Counties.

No. 64. By Mr. Caldwell: Petition of Alex M. Bacon, Sr., and 193 others of Missaukee county asking for a law to prohibit the killing of deer for a term of five years in a certain part of this State.

Referred to the committee on Fisheries and Game.

No. 65. By Mr. Wing: Petition of property owners adjoining Gun Lake in Barry and Allegan counties, asking for legislation against illegitimate fishing in said lake.

Referred to the committee on Fisheries and Game.

No. 66. By Mr. Murdoch: Petition of Frank Shaina and 57 others asking for a law to prohibit the killing of deer for a term of five years in a certain part of this State.

Referred to the committee on Fisheries and Game.

No. 67. By Mr. Gordon: Petition of James Russell and others against the passage of House bill No. 19 relative to the close season in commercial fishing in waters bordering on this State.

Referred to the committee on Fisheries and Game.

No. 68. By Mr. W. A. Reed: Petition of A. L. Ambroth and other citizens of Hanover and Liberty townships, asking for an act to protect the fish in Round Lake.

Referred to the committee on Fisheries and Game.

No. 69. By Mr. Van Camp: Petition of John C. St. Clair and other citizens of St. Joseph, Berrien county, asking for the passage of House bill No. 16, a bill to protect sidewalks and sidepaths.

Referred to the committee on Towns and Counties.

No. 70. By Mr. Van Camp: Petition of W. L. Holland and others of St. Joseph, Berrien county, asking for the passage of House bill No. 16 relative to sidewalks and sidepaths.

Referred to the committee on Towns and Counties.

No. 71. By Mr. McKay: Petition of Lawrence C. Fyfe and 116 others of St. Joseph, Berrien county, asking for the passage of House bill No. 16 relative to sidewalks and sidepaths.

Referred to the committee on Towns and Counties.

No. 72. By Mr. Burdick: Petition of Max Liebnitzky of Charlevoix, Mich., asking for the repeal of the close season law in commercial fishing.

Referred to the committee on Fisheries and Game.

No. 73. By Mr. Burdick: Petition of William Harrington and 43 others asking for a law to prohibit the killing of deer for a term of five years in a certain part of this State.

Referred to the committee on Fisheries and Game.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

By the committee on Education:

The committee on Education, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 12 (file No. 6), entitled

A bill to amend section 5, chapter 143 of Howell's annotated statutes, entitled "Libraries and Lyceums," being compiler's section 4411 of Howell's annotated statutes.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, without

amendment and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

J. W. SHISLER,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

Pending the order that the bill be printed, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order,

On motion of Mr. Davis,

The rules were suspended, two-thirds of all the members present voting therefor, and the bill was put upon its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Aldrich	Mr. Goodyear	Mr. Nash
Anderson	Gordon	Niedermeier
Babcock	Gustin	Oberdorffer
Baumgärtner	Hall	Randall
Brownell	Handy	Reed, G. W.
Bryan	Hart	Reed, W. A.
Burch	Hatzenbuehler	Robinson
Burfoot	Heck	Rulison
Buskirk	Heineman	Schmidt
Caldwell	Herrig	Shisler
Carton	Hofmeister	Soper
Chandler	Keep	Stumpfenhusen
Cheever	Kelly	Sutherland
Colby	Kingott	Taziman
Orosby	Lafamboy	Van Camp
Davis	Locher	Waterbury
Dingley	Lugers	Watters
Doyle	Lusk	Wayne
Duff	McCallum	Wells
Eikhoff	McKay	Weter
Fleischauer	McLeod	Wheeler
Gillam	Mason	Wing
Gillette	Miller	Woodruff
Goodell	Murdoch	Speaker
Goodrich	Murphy	

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Mr. Pearson

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Davis,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

By the committee on Towns and Counties:

The committee on Towns and Counties, to whom was referred

House bill No. 123, entitled

A bill to require township boards of Wayne county to make and publish annually an itemized statement of the condition of the finances of the township in relation to the receipts and disbursements made by the township board and to repeal all acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House with amendments thereto, recommending that the amendments be concurred in, and that the bill, when so amended, do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

C. E. WHITNEY,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The question being on concurring in the amendment made by the committee to the bill,

The House concurred.

Pending the order that the bill be printed, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order,

On motion of Mr. Goodell,

The rules were suspended, two-thirds of all the members present voting therefor, and the bill was put upon its immediate passage.

The bill having been read a third time and the question being upon its passage, pending the taking of the vote thereon,

Mr. Gillam moved to amend the bill by striking out all of section 4.

Which motion did not prevail.

Mr. Wheeler moved to amend the bill by making the provisions apply to Washtenaw county.

Mr. Burch moved that the amendment lie on the table.

Which motion did not prevail.

The question being on the motion to amend,

Mr. Shisler moved to amend the amendment by adding thereto the county of Kent.

Which motion prevailed.

The motion to amend, as amended, then prevailed.

The question being on the passage of the bill,

Mr. Gustin moved that the bill be amended so as to include the county of Alpena in its provisions.

Mr. Weter moved to amend the proposed amendment so as to include the county of Macomb.

Pending which,

On motion of Mr. Buskirk,

The bill was recommitted to the committee on Towns and Counties.

By the committee on Private Corporations:

The committee on Private Corporations, to whom was referred

House bill No. 79, entitled

A bill to authorize the consolidation of street railways, electric light and gaslight companies.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration.

and have directed me to request of the House that the bill be printed for the use of the committee.

L. H. M'CALL,
Chairman.

Report accepted.

The question being on ordering the bill printed for the use of the committee,

The House so ordered.

NOTICES.

Mr. Anderson gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to provide for the exemption from taxation of certain properties, the products of industry, in addition to the exemption now provided for by law.

Mr. Lugers gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend section 9 of chapter 29 of Howell's annotated statutes of the State of Michigan, being compiler's section 1420, relative to overseers of road districts.

Mr. Lugers gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend section 4 of chapter 10 of an act entitled, "An act to revise and consolidate the laws relating to public instruction and primary schools, and to repeal all statutes and acts contravening the provisions of this act," being act 164 of the public acts of 1881.

Mr. Nash gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to authorize the reorganization of the road districts in the townships of Michigan and to fix the rate of assessment in said townships for highway purposes and to prescribe the duties of the commissioner of highways and the compensation therefor.

Mr. Phillips gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to provide for the compilation and copying of the records in the office of the Adjutant General pertaining to the enlistment, muster, history and final disposition of the soldiers and sailors from this State during the Spanish-American war, and for the publication of a roster of Michigan soldiers for the said war and to make appropriation therefor.

Mr. Phillips gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to provide for the continuance of the recompilation and copying of the records in the office of the Adjutant General, pertaining to the enlistment, muster, history and final disposition of the soldiers and sailors from this State during the war of the rebellion, and for the publication of a "Roster of Michigan Soldiers From 1861 to 1866 Inclusive," and to make appropriations therefor.

Mr. Caldwell gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill appropriating money for improvements and repairs at Michigan State Prison at Jackson, and improving the sewerage in Grand river.

Mr. Randall gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill making an appropriation for making improvements and furnishings for the Upper Peninsula Prison at Marquette.

Mr. Wood gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend section 2 of act No. 303 of the public acts of 1887, entitled "An act to protect primary elections and conventions of political parties and to punish offenses committed thereat," the same being section 9386b of Howell's annotated statutes of the State of Michigan.

Mr. Schmidt gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to provide for the reassessment and collection of local taxes in Saginaw county, in this State, which have been included in the charged back lists, forwarded to the County Treasurer of said county and not reported to or acted upon by the Board of Supervisors of said county, as provided by the general tax law of the State.

Mr. Anderson gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend section 17 of act No. 313 of the public acts of 1887, entitled "An act to provide for the taxation and regulation of the business of manufacturing, selling, keeping for sale, and furnishing, giving or delivering spirituous and intoxicating liquors, and malt, brewed or fermented liquors and vinous liquors in this State, and to repeal all acts or parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act," approved June 28, 1887, as amended by act No. 93 of the public acts of 1895.

Mr. Duff gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to provide for the election of an extra circuit judge for the 31st judicial circuit of Michigan.

Mr. Duff gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to repeal section 12 of act No. 30 of the session laws of the State of Michigan, A. D. 1891.

Mr. Burfoot gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill in relation to actions upon guaranty.

Mr. Carton gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to provide for the maintenance of the Michigan State Normal College.

Mr. McLean gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend section 7 of chapter 150 of the revised statutes of 1846, entitled "Of the fees of certain officers," as amended, being section — of the compiled laws of 1897.

Mr. Anderson gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend sections 11 and 20 of an act entitled "An act to revise an act entitled 'An act relative to free schools in the city of Grand

Rapids,' approved March 15, 1871, as amended by an act approved April 24, 1875; approved May 9, 1877; and as further amended May 3, 1879; March 16, 1881; June 9, 1885; April 27, 1887, and May 23, 1893."

Mr. Murdoch gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend section 13 of chapter 81 of the revised statutes of 1846, entitled "Of fraudulent conveyances and contracts, relative to goods, chattels and things in action," being section 9526 of the compiled laws of 1897.

Mr. Chamberlain gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend sections 8325 and 8347 of Howell's annotated statutes, relative to action for replevin.

Mr. Shisler gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to authorize the State Board of Auditors to purchase for the use of the State, the Holt-Seymour tally sheet.

Mr. Chamberlain gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend act No. 3 of the public acts of 1895, entitled "An act to provide for the incorporation of villages within the State of Michigan, and defining their powers and duties," approved February 19, 1895, and to repeal all acts and parts of acts contravening or conflicting with this act.

Mr. Chamberlain gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend act No. 319 of the local acts of 1893, entitled "An act to allow the village of Ontonagon, and State of Michigan, to borrow money and issue bonds in the sum of thirty thousand dollars to build water works and electric lighting plant," approved March 24, 1893, and to amend act No. 283 of the local acts of 1895, entitled "An act to allow the village of Ontonagon, in the county of Ontonagon, and State of Michigan, to borrow money and issue bonds in the sum of twelve thousand dollars to extend its system of water works and to complete its electric lighting plant," approved February 13, 1895, and to repeal all acts and parts of acts contravening or conflicting with this act.

Mr. Chamberlain gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to incorporate the public schools of the township of Matchwood, in the county of Ontonagon.

Mr. Woodruff gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend act No. 205 of the public acts of 1887, an act to revise the laws authorizing the business of banking, and to establish a banking department for the supervision of such business, approved June 21, 1887, by adding two new sections thereto, to stand as sections 67 and 68.

Mr. Niedermeier gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to set aside the submerged and swamp lands in the State of Michigan bordering upon the great lakes and the bayous thereof for a public park, defining the limits thereof and providing for its care and management.

Mr. Colby gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend section 2 of act No. 112 of the session laws of 1889, approved May 24, 1889, the same being compiler's section No. 4904f of Howell's annotated statutes, volume 3, entitled "An act to authorize any corporation organized under the laws of this State to sell its property, franchises, rights and privileges to any other corporation organized under the same or any similar laws of this State for the same corporate purpose."

Mr. Burch gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill entitled

A bill relative to the confinement of United States convicts in the prisons of this State.

Mr. Bryan gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to provide for the payment of a salary to certain township officers in the township of Springwells, in the county of Wayne, and to fix the amount thereof.

Mr. Bryan gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to provide for the assessment of property and the making and extending of the township tax roll of the township of Springwells, in the county of Wayne, and the delivery of such tax roll to the township treasurer and the collection of the taxes levied therein.

Mr. Burch gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill entitled

A bill relative to the employment of convicts by the prison authorities of this State.

Mr. Bryan gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to define the powers and duties of the township board of the township of Springwells, in the county of Wayne.

Mr. Eikhoff gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A joint resolution proposing the repeal of section 3 of article 18 of the constitution of this State, and the adding of a new section thereto, to stand as section 3 of article 18, relative to the employment of prisoners confined in the several penitentiaries of this State.

Mr. Heineman gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A joint resolution to amend section 9 of article 15 of the constitution, relative to internal improvement.

Mr. W. A. Reed gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to prohibit the spearing of fish in Round lake, situated in the townships of Hanover and Liberty, Jackson county.

Mr. Nevins gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend section 3 of act No. 313, of the public acts of the State of Michigan for the year of 1887, entitled "An act to provide for the taxation and regulation of the business of manufacturing, selling, keeping for sale, furnishing, giving or delivering spirituous and intoxicating and

malt, brewed, or fermented and vinous liquors in this State, and to repeal any acts or parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act."

Mr. Heineman gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to quiet the title to land known as the St. Clair flats, being the lands bounded by the north channel of the St. Clair river, the south channel of the St. Clair river, and Lake St. Clair.

Mr. Sutherland gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to regulate the fees to be paid at the office of the Clerk of the Supreme Court and to provide the compensation to be paid to the Clerk of the Supreme Court, his clerks and deputies.

Mr. Heineman gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to authorize the city of Detroit to pay certain claims contracted by the city for the entertainment of the League of American Municipalities.

Mr. Sutherland gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to prohibit the sale of butterine or oleomargarine and so-called worked over butter in the lower peninsula of this State.

Mr. Pack gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to provide for a commission to investigate whether a better system of transferring land titles can be adopted, and other purposes incidental thereto.

Mr. Pack gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to regulate the sale of patent medicines.

Mr. Dingley gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill making an appropriation of ten thousand dollars to the county of Kalamazoo, State of Michigan, to aid said county in removing bars and other obstructions from the Kalamazoo river, and otherwise improving the flow of the water therein through the townships of Cooper, Comstock, Kalamazoo and the city of Kalamazoo, in said county.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

Mr. Howell, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 261, entitled

A bill to amend section 3 of an act entitled "An act to authorize the formation of associations for intellectual, scientific, aesthetic, spiritual, religious or liberal culture or inquiry," approved May 20, 1879, being section 4438 of Howell's annotated statutes.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Howell,

The rules were suspended, two-thirds of all the members present voting therefor, and the bill was put upon its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Aldrich	Mr. Goodyear	Mr. Niedermeier
Alward	Gray	Oberdorffer
Anderson	Gustin	Pearson
Babcock	Hall	Phillips
Baumgärtner	Handy	Randall
Brownell	Hart	Read, J. H.
Bryan	Hatzenbuehler	Reed, G. W.
Burch	Heck	Reed, W. A.
Burdick	Heineman	Robinson
Burfoot	Herrig	Rulison
Buskirk	Hofmeister	Schmidt
Caldwell	Howell	Shepherd
Carton	Keep	Shisler
Chamberlain	Kelly	Soper
Chandler	Kingott	Stewart
Oheever	Laflamboy	Stumpenhusen
Colby	Locher	Sutherland
Collins	Lugers	Van Camp
Colvin	Lusk	Waterbury
Dingley	McCallum	Watters
Doyle	McKay	Weier
Duff	McLean	Wells
Eikhoff	McLeod	Weter
Fleischauer	Mason	Whitney
Gillam	Miller	Wing
Gillette	Murdoch	Wood
Goodell	Murphy	Woodruff
Goodrich	Nash	Speaker

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NAYS.

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Howell,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

Mr. Goodell, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House joint resolution No. 262, entitled

Joint resolution to amend section 6 of act 6 of the constitution of the State of Michigan, relative to circuit courts.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Goodell,

The rules were suspended, two-thirds of all the members present voting therefor, and the bill was put upon its immediate passage.

The joint resolution having been read a third time and the question being upon its passage, pending the taking of the vote thereon,

On motion of Mr. Heineman,

The joint resolution was referred to the committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Wheeler, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 263, entitled

A bill relative to granting, regulating and licensing the business of hawking and peddling goods, wares and merchandise in the several townships and unincorporated villages in the same in the State of Michigan.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and referred to the committee on Judiciary:

Mr. Burfoot, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 264, entitled

A bill to provide for the appraisement of real estate or any interest therein offered for sale at mortgage sale, sheriff's sale or chancery sale, and to prohibit the sale thereof at less than two-thirds of its appraised value.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Burfoot, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 265, entitled

A bill to amend sections 111 and 118 of chapter 90 of the revised statutes of 1846, relative to process and proceedings of circuit courts in chancery upon bills for foreclosure and satisfaction of mortgages, being sections 6701 and 6708 of Howell's annotated statutes.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Wells, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 266, entitled

A bill to set aside a part of fractional school district No. 1, school district No. 3 and school district No. 6, in the townships of Warren and Sterling, in the county of Macomb, and to make a new district thereof.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Wells,

The rules were suspended, two-thirds of all the members present voting therefor, and the bill was put upon its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Aldrich

Alward

Anderson

Babcock

Baumgärtner

Brownell

Bryan

Burch

Burdick

Mr. Goodell

Goodrich

Goodyear

Gordon

Gray

Gustin

Hall

Handy

Hart

Mr. Nash

Nevins

Niedermeier

Oberdorffer

Pack

Pearson

Phillips

Randall

Read, J. H.

Mr. Burfoot	Mr. Heck	Mr. Robinson	
Buskirk	Heinemann	Rulison	
Caldwell	Herrig	Schmidt	
Carton	Hofmeister	Shepherd	
Chamberlain	Howell	Shisler	
Chandler	Keep	Soper	
Colby	Kelly	Stewart	
Collins	Kingott	Stumpenhusen	
Colvin	Lafamboy	Sutherland	
Crosby	Locher	Taziman	
Davis	Lugers	Van Camp	
Dickinson	McCall	Waterbury	
Dingley	McCallum	Watters	
Doyle	McKay	Wells	
Dudley	McLean	Weter	
Duff	McLeod	Wheeler	
Eikhoff	Mason	Whitney	
Fleischhauer	Miller	Wing	
Foster	Murdoch	Wood	
Gillam	Murphy	Speaker	
Hatzenbuhler	Reed, W. A.		90
	NAYS.		0

Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Wells.

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

Mr. McCallum, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 267, entitled

A bill to authorize the township of Burt, in Alger county, Michigan, to borrow money to be used in public improvements in and for the benefit of said township, and to issue bonds therefor.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Towns and Counties.

Mr. McCallum, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 268, entitled

A bill to amend section 23 of act 149 of the public acts of 1893, entitled "An act to provide for a county and township system of roads and to prescribe the powers and duties of the officers having charge thereof," as amended by act No. 45 of the public acts of 1897.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

Mr. McCallum, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 269, entitled

A bill to detach certain territory from the county of Delta and to attach the same to the county of Schoolcraft.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Towns and Counties.

Mr. Dingley, unanimous consent being given, introduced House bill No. 270, entitled

A bill to amend section 18 of act No. 206 of the public acts of 1893, being "An act to provide for the assessment of property and the levy and collection of taxes thereon, and for the collection of taxes heretofore and hereafter levied, making such taxes a lien on the lands taxed, and establishing and continuing such lien, providing for the sale and conveyance of lands delinquent for taxes, and for the inspection and disposition of lands bid off to the State and not redeemed or purchased, and to repeal act No. 200 of the public acts of 1891, and all other acts and parts of acts in anywise contravening any of the provisions of this act."

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on General Taxation.

Mr. Dingley, unanimous consent being given, introduced House bill No. 271, entitled

A bill to amend section 1 of act No. 136 of the public acts of 1875 (Howell's annotated statutes, section 5869), being "An act to amend sections 4401 and 4406, being sections 1 and 6 of chapter 187 of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to the inventory and collection of the effects of deceased persons."

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Dingley, unanimous consent being given, introduced House bill No. 272, entitled

A bill to provide for the registration of births in Michigan, and requiring certificates of births.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Phillips, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 273, entitled

A bill to authorize and direct the quartermaster general to make suitable insurance on the military stores, arms and equipments, including all military property belonging to the State of Michigan.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Pack, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 274, entitled

A bill to regulate the operation of sleeping cars in the State of Michigan, and fixing the rates to be charged therein.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Private Corporations.

Mr. McCall, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 275, entitled

A bill to prohibit the manufacture and sale of cigarettes in the State of Michigan.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Private Corporations.

Mr. Kelly, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 276, entitled

A bill to provide for additional compensation by the State of Michigan to the Michigan volunteer soldiers and sailors who served during the war between the United States and Spain, and making an appropriation therefor.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Kelly, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 277, entitled

A bill to amend act No. 48 of the public acts of 1897, entitled "An act to provide for the encouragement of the manufacture of beet sugar, and to provide a compensation therefor, and to make an appropriation therefor."

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Private Corporations.

Mr. Kelly, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 278, entitled

A bill to amend sections 4 and 31 of act No. 113 of the public acts of 1877, entitled "An act to revise the laws providing for the incorporation of companies for mining, smelting and manufacturing iron, copper, silver, mineral coal and other ores or minerals, and to fix the duties and liabilities of such corporations," the same being sections 6994 and 7021 of the compiled laws of 1897.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Mines and Minerals.

Mr. Burch, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 279, entitled

A bill to amend section 1 of act No. 96 of the public acts of the year 1889 of the public acts of the State of Michigan, entitled "An act to provide for the compensation of the coroners of Wayne county."

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on City Corporations.

Mr. Burch, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 280, entitled

A bill to amend section 13 of an act entitled "An act to establish a police government for the city of Detroit," approved April 17, 1871, and the acts amendatory thereof.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on City Corporations.

Mr. Chamberlain, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 281, entitled

A bill to amend section 1 of act No. 93 of the public acts of 1895, entitled "An act to provide for the taxation and regulation of the business of manufacturing, selling, keeping for sale, furnishing, giving or delivering spirituous and intoxicating liquors and malt, brewed or fermented

liquors and vinous liquors in this State, and to repeal all acts and parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act."

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Liquor Traffic.

Mr. Chamberlain, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 282, entitled

A bill to vacate the village of Ewen, in the county of Ontonagon.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Towns and Counties.

Mr. Chamberlain, unanimous consent being given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 283, entitled

A bill to incorporate the public schools of the township of Matchwood, in the county of Ontonagon.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and referred to the committee on Education.

Mr. Colvin, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 284, entitled

A bill to repeal act No. 382 of the local acts of 1881, approved May 12, 1881, entitled "An act to reincorporate the village of Carrollton, in the county of Saginaw," and to provide for the disposition to be made of the property, and the payment of the liabilities of the said village of Carrollton, and to repeal all acts and parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Village Corporations.

Mr. Lugers, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 285, entitled

A bill to prohibit the shooting of wild fowl in Black River lake and Black river, in the county of Ottawa and State of Michigan, by persons on board of any floating device which employs as motive power steam, gas, naphtha, oil or electricity.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Fisheries and Game.

Mr. Duff, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House joint resolution No. 286, entitled

Joint resolution to amend section 6 of article 6 of the constitution of the State of Michigan, relative to circuit courts.

The joint resolution was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Wing, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 287, entitled

A bill to prohibit the taking or catching of fish in Gun lake, in the counties of Barry and Allegan, by means of spears, nets, set lines, or night lines, snares, artificial lights or explosive substances, and to prohibit the taking or catching of fish in any way during certain seasons of the year.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Fisheries and Game.

Mr. Anderson, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 288, entitled

A bill to regulate the practice of veterinary medicine and surgery in the State of Michigan.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on State Affairs.

Mr. Eikhoff, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House joint resolution No. 289, entitled

Joint resolution proposing amendments to sections 1 and 20 of article 4 of the constitution of this State, and also to add three new sections thereto, to stand as sections 50, 51 and 52, relative to granting legislative power to the electors and the manner of exercising the same.

The joint resolution was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Elections.

Mr. Mason, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 290, entitled

A bill to amend section 1 of act No. 396 of the local acts of Michigan, 1895, entitled "An act to provide for the organization of a fractional school district in the townships of Brady and Chesaning, in the county of Saginaw, and in the townships of New Haven and Rush in the county of Shiawassee, State of Michigan, to be known as the Oakley Public School District."

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Education.

Mr. Fleischhauer, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 291, entitled

A bill to vacate the townships of Glencoe, Yates, Eden and Lake of Lake county, and to dispose of the territory comprised by the said townships.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Towns and Counties.

Mr. Fleischhauer, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 292, entitled

A bill authorizing the Commissioner of the State Land Office to lease the State tax lands in certain cases.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Fleischhauer, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 293, entitled

A bill to amend sections 18 and 21 of act No. 206, of the public acts of 1893, entitled "An act to provide for the assessment of property and the levy and collection of taxes thereon, and for the collection of taxes theretofore and hereafter levied, making such taxes a lien on the lands taxed, establishing and continuing such lien, providing for the sale and con-

veyance of lands delinquent for taxes, and for the inspection and disposition of lands bid off to the State and not redeemed or purchased, and to repeal act No. 200 of the public acts of 1891, and all other acts and parts of acts in anywise contravening any of the provisions of this act."

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on General Taxation.

Mr. Fleischhauer, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 294, entitled

A bill regulating the employment of freight and passenger conductors on all railroads in this State.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Railroads.

Mr. Chandler, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 295, entitled

A bill to amend section 9 of act No. 140 of the public acts of 1889, entitled, "An act to authorize the formation of companies for acquiring, holding, leasing and selling real estate, and for the erection of buildings thereon," approved June 8, 1889, and being compiler's section 3983 of third Howell's annotated statutes of Michigan, as amended by act No. 60 of the public acts of 1891, approved May 6, 1891.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Shepherd, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 296, entitled

A bill to confer power and authority upon the common council of the village of Harbor Springs to extend the electric light plant of said village beyond its corporate limits, so as to light the Roaring Brook, Wequeton-sing, Harbor Point, Emmet Beach and Idlewild summer resorts, and to purchase and acquire property and to erect all proper and necessary structures in connection therewith. Also to have the power to fix the just and equitable rates as may be deemed advisable for supplying the inhabitants of said resorts with lights.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Village Corporations.

Mr. Heineman, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 297, entitled

A bill providing for the appointment, compensation and duties of a stenographer for the circuit court commissioners' courts for the county of Wayne, and for taking and transcribing of testimony in cases on examination.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on City Corporations.

Mr. Heineman, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 298, entitled

A bill to enable the regents of the University of Michigan to receive any money or other property for the ultimate use of the university, and to invest the same in the best manner possible, subject to the payment

of the net income or any portion thereof derived therefrom, to any specified person or persons then living, during the life or lives of such person or persons.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on University.

Mr. Stewart, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 299, entitled

A bill to provide for the incorporation of churches, societies and congregations of Baptists, and to provide for the reincorporation of such churches and societies, under the provisions of this act.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Stewart,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Bryan, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 300, entitled

A bill to provide for the payment of the salaries of certain township officers in the township of Springwells, in the county of Wayne, and to fix the amount thereof.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Towns and Counties.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Chamberlain offered the following:

Resolved, That the committee of the whole, and all general committees having before them any measure or measures bearing upon the subject of general taxation be discharged from the further consideration of the same, and that all of said measures be referred to a joint committee, to be composed of the standing committees upon Private Corporations, Railroads and General Taxation, and that Representatives Cheever, Scully and Weier shall be considered members of such joint committee; and

Resolved, That the said joint committee be and is hereby instructed to report some bill covering the question of general taxation to this House, not later than February 27, inst.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution,

Pending discussion,

Mr. Phillips demanded the previous question.

The demand was seconded.

The question being shall the main question be now put,

Mr. Lusk demanded the yeas and nays.

The demand was seconded, and the main question was not ordered, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Anderson
Burdick
Chamberlain

Mr. Lugers
McCall
McCallum

Mr. Scully
Shepherd
Shisler

Mr. Collins
Davis
Doyle
Dudley
Duff
Fleischhauer
Foster
Gordon
Hall
Handy
Keep
Kelly
Laflamboy

Mr. McKay
Nash
Nevins
Niedermeier
Pack
Phillips
Randall
Read, J. H.
Reed, G. W.
Reed, W. A.
Robinson
Rulinson
Schmidt

Mr. Soper
Stumpenhusen
Van Camp
Watters
Wayne
Weier
Wells
Weter
Whitney
Wing
Woodruff
Speaker

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NAYS.

Mr. Aldrich
Alward
Babcock
Baumgærtner
Brownell
Bryan
Burch
Burfoot
Buskirk
Caldwell
Carton
Chandler
Cheever
Colby
Colvin
Crosby
Dickinson

Mr. Dingley
Eikhoff
Gillam
Gillette
Goodell
Goodrich
Goodyear
Gray
Gustin
Hart
Hatzenbuhler
Heck
Heineman
Herrig
Hofmeister
Howell

Mr. Kingott
Locher
Lusk
McLean
McLeod
Miller
Murdoch
Murphy
Oberdorffer
Pearson
Stewart
Sutherland
Taziman
Waterbury
Wheeler
Wood

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After further discussion,

Mr. McCall demanded the previous question.

The demand was seconded.

The question being shall the main question be now put.

Mr. Cheever demanded the yeas and nays.

The demand was seconded, and the main question was ordered, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Anderson
Brownell
Bryan
Burdick
Caldwell
Chamberlain
Collins
Davis
Doyle

Mr. Hofmeister
Keep
Kelly
Laflamboy
Lugers
McCall
McCallum
McKay
Nash

Mr. Rulison
Schmidt
Scully
Shepherd
Shisler
Soper
Stumpenhusen
Van Camp
Watters

Mr. Dudley	Mr. Nevins	Mr. Wayne
Duff	Niedermeier	Weier
Fleischhauer	Pack	Wells
Foster	Phillips	Weter
Gillam	Randall	Whitney
Gordon	Read, J. H.	Wing
Hall	Reed, G. W.	Woodruff
Handy	Reed, W. A.	Speaker
Hart	Robinson	

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NAYS.

Mr. Aldrich	Mr. Eikhoff	Mr. Lusk
Alward	Gillam	McLean
Babcock	Gillette	McLeod
Baumgärtner	Goodell	Miller
Burch	Goodrich	Murdoch
Burfoot	Goodyear	Murphy
Buskirk	Gray	Oberdorffer
Carton	Gustin	Pearson
Chandler	Hatzenbuehler	Sutherland
Cheever	Heck	Stewart
Colby	Heineman	Taziman
Colvin	Herrig	Waterbury
Crosby	Howell	Wheeler
Dickinson	Kingott	Wood
Dingley	Locher	

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The question being on the adoption of the resolution,
The resolution was adopted.

Mr. Carton offered the following:

Whereas, It seems advisable that the debates upon taxation and railroad bills now pending before this House should receive the widest publicity, and inasmuch as accuracy in such report is of the first importance, both from a public standpoint, as well as from the standpoint of the members of this House; be it

Resolved, That an official House stenographer be employed for the period of thirty days, during which time important taxation legislation is liable to arise, or will arise, and that a special committee of three be appointed by the Speaker to procure the services of such stenographer on the best possible terms, such stenographer to furnish his own assistants.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution,

Mr. Wheeler demanded the yeas and nays.

The demand was seconded, and

Pending the calling of the roll,

Mr. Shepherd moved to amend the resolution by inserting after the word "House" in the preamble, the words "and joint committee this day appointed."

Which was accepted.

The question then being on the adoption of the resolution as amended,

The resolution was adopted, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Aldrich	Mr. Goodyear	Mr. Pack
Anderson	Gordon	Phillips
Bryan	Gray	Reed, G. W.
Burfoot	Gustin	Rulison
Caldwell	Hall	Schmidt
Carton	Handy	Scully
Chamberlain	Hatzenbuehler	Shisler
Chandler	Heck	Soper
Cheever	Heineman	Stewart
Colby	Hofmeister	Sutherland
Collins	Howell	Taziman
Colvin	Keep	Van Camp
Crosby	Laflamboy	Waterbury
Dickinson	Locher	Watters
Dingley	Lusk	Wayne
Doyle	McCall	Weier
Dudley	McCallum	Weter
Duff	McLean	Wells
Eikhoff	McLeod	Wheeler
Fleischhauer	Miller	Whitney
Foster	Murdoch	Wing
Gillam	Murphy	Wood
Goodell	Niedermeier	Speaker
Goodrich	Oberdorffer	

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Mr. Alward	Mr. Hart	Mr. Pearson
Babcock	Kelly	Randall
Brownell	Kingott	Read, J. H.
Burdick	Lugers	Reed, W. A.
Buskirk	McKay	Robinson
Davis	Nash	Shepherd
Gillette	Nevins	Stumpenhusen
Hammond		

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Mr. Gillam moved

That rule No. 45, so far as it requires one day's previous notice of the introduction of bills, be suspended for the remainder of the session, except as to bills proposing amendments to acts of incorporation.

Which motion prevailed, two-thirds of all the members elect voting therefor.

On motion of Mr. Hart,
The House adjourned.

{ REPRESENTATIVE HALL, LANSING,
Wednesday, February 15, 1899.

The House met pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Myers.

Roll call: quorum present.

Absent without leave: Messrs. Crosby, Locher, McCall, Pearson and Wayne.

On motion of Mr. Colvin,

Leave of absence was granted to all absentees for the day.

The Speaker announced the following as the Special Committee to employ stenographers to take the discussions on the taxation bills: Messrs. Carton, McCallum and Lusk.

BILLS PRESENTED TO THE GOVERNOR.

By the Clerk:

I have to report that I have this day enrolled, compared and presented to the Governor,

House bill No. 159, entitled

An act to detach certain territory from the city of West Bay City, in the county of Bay, and attach the same to the township of Bangor in said county.

In accordance with the rules and order of the House: the receipt for the same being dated 10:01 a. m., Feb. 15, 1899.

LEWIS M. MILLER,
Clerk of the House.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

By the Committee on Military Affairs:

The committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred

House bill No. 62, entitled

A bill to amend section 1, chapter 1, of act 16 of the laws of 1862, being an act for the reorganization of the military forces of the State of Michigan, compiler's section 868 of Howell's annotated Statutes, approved January 18, 1862.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, without amendment and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

C. C. PHILLIPS,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on Village Corporations:

The committee on Village Corporations, to whom was referred

House bill No. 284, entitled

A bill to re-incorporate the village of Carrollton, in the county of Saginaw, "and to provide for the disposition to be made of the property, and the payment of the liabilities of the said village of Carrollton, and to repeal all acts and parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act."

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, without amendment and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

G. W. REED,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

Pending the order that the bill be printed, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order,

On motion of Mr. Colvin,

The rules were suspended, two-thirds of all the members present voting therefor, and the bill was put upon its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr Aldrich	Mr. Goodrich	Mr. Niedermeier
Alward	Goodyear	Oberdorffer
Anderson	Gordon	Pack
Babcock	Gray	Phillips
Baumgaertner	Gustin	Randall
Brownell	Hall	Read, J. H.
Bryan	Hammond	Reed, G. W.
Burch	Handy	Reed, W. A.
Burdick	Hart	Robinson
Burfoot	Hatzenbuhler	Rulison
Buskirk	Heck	Schmidt
Carton	Heineman	Scully
Chamberlain	Herrig	Shepherd
Chandler	Hofmeister	Shisler
Collins	Howell	Soper
Colvin	Keep	Stewart
Crosby	Kelly	Stumpenhusen
Davis	Kerr	Sutherland
Dickinson	Kingott	Waterbury
Dingley	Lugers	Watters
Doyle	Lusk	Weier
Dudley	McCallum	Wells
Duff	McKay	Weter
Eikhoff	McLean	Whitney
Fleischhauer	Miller	Wing
Foster	Murdoch	Wood
Gillam	Murphy	Woodruff
Gillette	Nash	Speaker
Goodell		

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Colvin,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

By the committee on State Affairs:

The committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred

House bill No. 18, entitled .

A bill to protect the professional title and degrees of doctors of veterinary medicine and surgery and its various branches, and to restrict the use of such title and its abbreviations to regular graduates of recognized colleges or schools of veterinary medicine and surgery, and those having passed a satisfactory examination before the State Veterinary Board, to create a State Veterinary Board, and provide for registration of doctors of veterinary medicine and surgery.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, with the accompanying substitute therefor, entitled

A bill to protect the professional title and degrees of veterinary surgeon, doctor of veterinary medicine and surgery, and veterinarian, and their abbreviations, and to restrict the use of such titles and their abbreviations to regular graduates of recognized colleges or schools of veterinary medicine and surgery and those having passed a satisfactory examination before a State Veterinary Board, to create a State Veterinary Board for registration of veterinary surgeons, doctors of veterinary medicine and surgery, and veterinarians.

Recommending that the substitute be concurred in, and that the substitute do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

H. L. WOOD,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The question being on concurring in the substitute reported for the bill by the committee,

The House concurred.

The bill was then ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on State Affairs:

The committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred

House bill No. 125, entitled

A bill to amend section 8 of chapter 10 of act No. 215 of the public acts of 1895, entitled "An act to provide for the incorporation of cities of the fourth class," approved May 27, 1895, being section 3096 of the compiled laws of 1897.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, without amendment and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

S. C. GOODYEAR,
Acting Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on Judiciary:

The committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred
House bill No. 229, entitled

A bill to amend section 1 of act 187, approved June 17, 1887, entitled
"An act to revise the laws providing for the incorporation of co-operative
and mutual benefit associations, and to define the powers and duties, and
regulate the transaction of the business of all such corporations and
associations doing business within this State."

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration,
and have directed me to report the same back to the House and recom-
mend that the bill be referred to the committee on Insurance.

F. SHEPHERD,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Shepherd,

The bill was referred, as requested by the committee, to the committee
on Insurance.

By the committee on Judiciary:

The committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred
House bill No. 89 (file No. 12), entitled

A bill to amend section 4 of act No. 129 of the public acts of 1883, en-
titled "An act for the organization of telephone and messenger service
companies," approved May 31, 1883, the same being section 6691 of the
compiled laws of 1897.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration,
and have directed me to report the same back to the House with amend-
ments thereto, recommending that the amendments be concurred in, and
that the bill when so amended do pass, and ask to be discharged from the
further consideration of the subject.

F. SHEPHERD,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The question being on concurring in the amendments made by the com-
mittee to the bill,

The House concurred.

The bill was then ordered printed, referred to the committee of the
whole and placed on the general order.

By the committee on Judiciary:

The committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred
Joint resolution No. 262, entitled

Joint resolution to amend section 6 of article 6 of the constitution of
the State of Michigan, relative to circuit courts.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration,
and have directed me to report the same back to the House with amend-
ments thereto, recommending that the amendments be concurred in, and
that the joint resolution, when so amended, do pass, and ask to be dis-
charged from the further consideration of the subject.

F. SHEPHERD,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The question being on concurring in the amendments made by the committee to the joint resolution,

The House concurred.

Pending the order that the joint resolution be printed, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order,

On motion of Mr. Goodell,

The rules were suspended, two-thirds of all the members present voting therefor, and the joint resolution was put upon its immediate passage.

The joint resolution was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Aldrich	Mr. Goodrich	• Mr. Nash
Alward	Goodyear	Nevins
Anderson	Gordon	Niedermeier
Babcock	Gray	Oberdorffer
Baumgärtner	Gustin	Pack
Brownell	Hall	Randall
Bryan	Hammond	Read, J. H.
Burch	Handy	Reed, G. W.
Burdick	Hart	Reed, W. A.
Burfoot	Hatzenbuehler	Robinson
Buskirk	Heck	Schmidt
Caldwell	Heineman	Scully
Carton	Herrig	Shepherd
Chamberlain	Hofmeister	Shisler
Chandler	Howell	Soper
Cheever	Keep	Stumpfenhusen
Collins	Kelly	Sutherland
Colvin	Kingott	Taziman
Crosby	Laflamboy	Van Camp
Davis	Lugers	Waterbury
Dickinson	Lusk	Watters
Dingley	McCall	Weier
Doyle	McCallum	Wells
Duff	McKay	Weter
Eikhoff	McLean	Wheeler
Fleischhauer	McLeod	Whitney
Foster	Mason	Wood
Gillam	Miller	Woodruff
Gillette	Murdoch	Speaker
Goodell	Murphy	

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Goodell,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the joint resolution was ordered to take immediate effect.

The following is the joint resolution:

Joint resolution to amend section 6 of article 6 of the constitution of the State of Michigan relative to circuit courts.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Michigan, That the following amendment to the constitution of the State of Michigan be and the same is hereby proposed and submitted to the people of this State, that is to say, that section 6 of article 6 of said constitution be amended so as to read as follows:

Section 6. The State shall be divided into judicial circuits, in each of which the electors thereof shall elect one circuit judge, who shall hold his office for the term of six years and until his successor is elected and qualified. The Legislature may provide for the election of more than one circuit judge in the judicial circuit in which the city of Detroit is or may be situated, and in the judicial circuit in which the county of Saginaw is or may be situated, and in the judicial circuit in which the county of Kent is or may be situated, and in the judicial circuit in which the county of St. Clair is or may be situated, and the circuit judge or judges of said circuits, in addition to the salary provided by this constitution, shall receive from their respective counties such additional salary as may from time to time be fixed and determined by the boards of supervisors of said counties: Provided, That the said boards of supervisors of said counties shall in no case fix and determine, and said circuit judge or judges of said circuits shall in no case receive from their respective counties, a greater amount as such additional salary than an amount equal to the salary provided for circuit judges by this constitution. And the board of supervisors in each county in the upper peninsula is hereby authorized and empowered to give and pay to the circuit judges of the judicial circuit to which such county is attached such additional salary or compensation as may from time to time be fixed and determined by such board of supervisors. This section as amended shall take effect from the time of its adoption; be it further

Resolved, That said amendment shall be submitted to the people of this State at the election to be held on the first Monday in April, in the year 1899, and that the Secretary of State is hereby required to give notice of the same to the sheriffs of the several counties of this State, at least twenty days prior to such election, and the said sheriffs shall be required to give notice to the several townships, the same as for the election of justices of the supreme court, and the said amendment shall be printed upon the official ballot, used at such election as provided by law, as follows: "Amendment to the constitution relative to the circuit courts—Yes (); No ()." All votes cast therefor shall be counted, canvassed and returned, as for the election of a justice of the supreme court of this State.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

By the special committee on Employment of Stenographers:

Your committee, appointed for the purpose of contracting with a stenographer to take the proceedings and debates on the taxation measures now pending before the House and transcribing the same, have performed that duty and report that they have entered into a contract with J. W. Stockwell to take such proceedings and debates and transcribe the same, for a period of thirty days from and including this date,

for the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1000). He to furnish his own assistants both in taking the proceedings and debates and extending the same. And your committee ask to be discharged from further consideration of the same.

JOHN J. CARTON,
GEO. P. McCALLUM,
GEO. L. LUSK,
Committee.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

Joseph W. Stockwell and his assistants, Charles H. McGurrin and Joseph H. Brewer, then took and subscribed the constitutional oath of office, and entered upon their duties as official stenographers of the House.

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.

The Speaker announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, February 14, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed by the Senate to transmit to the House the following bill:

Senate bill No. 122, entitled

A bill to change the name of Eva Louise Davies, of Detroit, Wayne county, Michigan, to Eva Louise Littell.

Which has passed the Senate by a majority vote of all the Senators elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect has been ordered to take immediate effect, and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

CHARLES S. PIERCE,
Secretary of the Senate.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Heineman,

The rules were suspended, two-thirds of all the members present voting therefor, and the bill was put upon its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

NAYS.

Mr. Aldrich
Alward
Anderson
Baumgardner
Brownell
Bryan
Burch
Burdick

Hammond
Mr. Goodrich
Goodyear
Gray
Gustin
Hall
Handy
Hart

Mr. Nash
Nevins
Niedermeier
Oberdorffer
Pack
Randall
Read, J. H.
Reed, G. W.

Mr. Burfoot	Mr. Hatzenbuehler	Mr. Reed, W. A.
Buskirk	Heck	Robinson
Carton	Heineman	Rulison
Chamberlain	Herrig	Schmidt
Chandler	Hofmeister	Scully
Cheever	Howell	Shepherd
Colby	Keep	Shisler
Collins	Kelly	Soper
Colvin	Kerr	Stumpenhusen
Crosby	Kingott	Sutherland
Davis	Lafamboy	Taziman
Dickinson	Lugers	Van Camp
Dingley	Lusk	Watters
Doyle	McCall	Weier
Dudley	McCallum	Wells
Duff	McKay	Weter
Eikhoff	McLean	Wheeler
Fleischhauer	McLeod	Whitney
Foster	Mason	Wood
Gillam	Miller	Woodruff
Gillette	Murdoch	Speaker
Goodell	Murphy	

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Heineman,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

NOTICES.

Mr. Heineman gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to provide for the incorporation of associations for the aid and legal protection of women and children.

Mr. Keep gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill for the protection of certain fur bearing animals.

Mr. Robinson gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce a bill entitled

A bill to amend sections 8, 12, 21 and 22 of chapter 189 of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to the return and summoning of jurors, being compiler's sections 7554, 7558, 7567 and 7568 of Howell's annotated statutes of the State of Michigan.

Mr. Gordon gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend sections 23, 24 and 25 of an act entitled "An act to provide for the assessment of property and the levy and collection of taxes thereon."

Mr. McLean gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend section 1 of act No. 179, of the public acts of 1891, as amended by act No. 191, of the public acts of 1893, and act No. 143 of the public acts of 1897.

Mr. McLean gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to provide salary of the circuit court commissioners of Bay county.

Mr. Chandler gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend the charter of the city of Sault Ste. Marie.

Mr. Burfoot gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to create a department of inspection of factories, public buildings and steam boilers.

Mr. Gray gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to permit the city of Ludington to borrow not to exceed \$115,000 for the purpose of purchasing, constructing or extending water works in said city.

Mr. Mason gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to provide for the placing of a low-water alarm on steam boilers, and prescribing a penalty for non-compliance of the same.

Mr. McLean gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend sections 4 and 5 of act No. 48 of the public acts of 1897.

Mr. Reed gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to transfer Oak Grove Cemetery, in Napoleon township, Jackson county, to the Township Board of Health of the same township.

Mr. Eikhoff gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to prohibit the use of encasings and coverings upon articles intended for sale as food within this State more than one time, and providing punishment for any violation of this act.

Mr. Gustin gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to authorize the common council of the city of Alpena to construct or purchase, own and maintain a system of electric light works.

Mr. Eikhoff gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to prohibit the use of encasings and coverings upon bakery products intended for sale within this State more than one time, and providing punishment for any violation of this act.

Mr. McLeod gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill regulating the payment of wages to employes by railroad corporations doing business in this State.

Mr. Heineman gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

Joint resolution proposing to submit an amendment of section 9 of article 14 of the constitution relative to internal improvements.

Mr. Gustin gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend act No. 122 of the public acts of 1877, entitled "An act for the incorporation of associations for yachting, etc."

Mr. Lusk gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

Joint resolution for the submission of a constitutional amendment to enable each and every county to establish a board of county auditors in their respective counties.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

Mr. Randall, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 301, entitled

A bill making an appropriation for making improvements and furnishings for the upper peninsula prison at Marquette.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on State House of Correction and branch of the State Prison in the Upper Peninsula.

Mr. Lusk, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 302, entitled

A bill to regulate fishing in Bay county and in the waters tributary to the Saginaw bay and Saginaw river.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Fisheries and Game.

Mr. Lusk, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 303, entitled

A bill for the protection of fish in the Saginaw river and its tributaries.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Fisheries and Game.

Mr. Lusk, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 304, entitled

A bill to amend an act entitled "An act to provide for the incorporation of lodges of the Ancient Order of United Workmen," being act No. 83 of the public acts of 1887, approved April 22, 1887, and being chapter 163e of Howell's annotated statutes, by adding a section thereto to stand as section 12.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Revision and Amendment of the Statutes.

Mr. Lusk, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 305, entitled

A bill for the protection of fish.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Fisheries and Game.

Mr. Aldrich, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 306, entitled

A bill to amend section 6 of chapter 83 of the revised statutes of 1846, as amended by act No. 23 of the public acts of 1883, entitled "Marriage and the solemnization thereof," the same being compiler's section No. 8593 of the compiled laws of 1897.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Revision and Amendment of the Statutes.

Mr. Wood, unanimous consent being given, introduced
House bill No. 307, entitled

A bill to amend section 2 of act No. 303 of the public acts of 1887, entitled "An act to protect primary elections and conventions of political parties and to punish offenses committed thereat," the same being section 9386b of Howell's annotated statutes of the State of Michigan.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Elections.

Mr. Wood, unanimous consent being given, introduced
House bill No. 308, entitled

A bill to provide for the appropriation of State lands to aid the people of Clinton and Gratiot counties in straightening, cleaning out and deepening the channel of a stream known as Maple river, in the counties of Clinton and Gratiot, in the State of Michigan.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on State Affairs.

Mr. Nash, unanimous consent being given, introduced
House bill No. 309, entitled

A bill to reorganize the road districts in the townships of this State, and to fix the rate of assessment in said townships, and to prescribe the duties of the Commissioner of Highways and fix his compensation therefor.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

Mr. McLean, unanimous consent being given, introduced
House bill No. 310, entitled

A bill to amend section 7 of chapter 150 of the revised statutes of 1846, entitled "Of the fees of certain officers," as amended, being section— of the compiled laws of 1897.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Baumgaertner, unanimous consent being given, introduced
House bill No. 311, entitled

A bill to establish a county and township system of roads in the county of Saginaw, and to provide the money for laying out, constructing, maintaining and repairing county roads, bridges and culverts, by taxation and the issue of bonds.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

Mr. Lagers, unanimous consent being given, introduced
House bill No. 312, entitled

A bill to amend section 9 of chapter 29 of Howell's annotated statutes of the State of Michigan, being compiler's section 1420, relative to overseers of road districts.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

Mr. Lagers, unanimous consent being given, introduced
House bill No. 313, entitled

A bill to amend section 4 of chapter 10 of an act entitled "An act to revise and consolidate the laws relating to public instruction in primary

schools, and to repeal all statutes and acts contravening the provisions of this act," being act 164 of the public acts of 1881.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Education.

Mr. Goodell, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 314, entitled

A bill to amend an act entitled "An act to ascertain the annual cereal product of the State of Michigan," being act 152, laws of 1859, as amended, by adding a new section thereto, to be known as section 6.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Agriculture.

Mr. Murdoch, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 315, entitled

A bill to amend section 1 of act No. 419 of the local acts of 1897, entitled "An act to authorize the townships of Sand Beach, Sigel, Paris, Verona and Bingham, and the villages of Sand Beach and Ubley, in the county of Huron, to permit the operation of a railway by means of electric or other motive power, except steam power, and the laying of a railway track in, along and across the highways within said townships and villages, or any of them."

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Towns and Counties.

Mr. Stewart, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 316, entitled

A bill to amend section 14 of act No. 159 of the laws of Michigan of 1897, entitled "An act to revise and amend the laws for the protection of game."

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Fisheries and Game.

Mr. Heineman, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 317, entitled

A bill to prevent misleading and dishonest representations in connection with the sale of merchandise.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Heineman, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 318, entitled

A bill to amend section 185 and section 188 of chapter 178 of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to courts held by justices of the peace, being sections 185 and 188 of chapter 249 of Howell's annotated statutes.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Heineman, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 319, entitled

A bill to quiet the title to land known as the St. Clair Flats, being the lands bounded by the north channel of the St. Clair river, the south channel of the St. Clair river and Lake St. Clair.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Heineman, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 320, entitled

A bill to authorize the city of Detroit to pay certain claims con-

tracted by the city for the entertainment of the League of American Municipalities.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on City Corporations.

Mr. Rulison, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 321, entitled

A bill to provide an additional voting precinct in the township of Franklin, county of Houghton, to be known as voting precinct No. 4.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Rulison,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Rulison, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 322, entitled

A bill to provide an additional voting precinct in the township of Franklin, county of Houghton, to be known as voting precinct No. 3.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Rulison,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Dingley, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 323, entitled

A bill to amend sections 15 and 33 of act No. 42 of the public acts of 1846, entitled "An act to authorize the sale of the Central Railroad Company and to incorporate the Michigan Central Railroad Company," approved March 28, 1846.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Railroads.

Mr. Dingley, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 324, entitled

A bill to amend sections 23, 24 and 29 of the public acts of 1885, entitled "An act to amend, revise and consolidate the laws organizing asylums for the insane, and regulating the care and management thereof, and of the inmates therein, and to repeal act 164, laws of 1859, also act 194, laws of 1877, also act 91, laws of 1873, and acts amendatory thereto."

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Dingley, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 325, entitled

A bill making an appropriation of \$10,000 to the county of Kalamazoo, State of Michigan, to aid said county in removing bars and other obstructions from the Kalamazoo river, and otherwise improving the flow of water therein, through the townships of Cooper, Comstock, Kalamazoo and the city of Kalamazoo, in said county.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on State Affairs.

Mr. Carton, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 326, entitled

A bill to amend act No. 157 of the public acts of 1891, entitled "An act for the relief of the supreme court by authorizing the justices thereof to employ clerical help and appropriating money to pay for the same."

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Carton, unanimous consent being given, introduced
House joint resolution No. 327, entitled

A joint resolution to amend sections 1, 5, 8, 10, 12, 14, 15, 19 and 20 of article 6 of the constitution of this State, relative to the judicial department.

The joint resolution was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Chamberlain, unanimous consent being given, introduced
House bill No. 328, entitled

A bill to amend act No. 3 of the public acts of 1895, entitled "An act to provide for the incorporation of villages within the State of Michigan, and defining their powers and duties," approved Feb. 19, 1895, and to repeal all acts and parts of acts contravening or conflicting with this act.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and referred to the committee on Village Corporations.

Mr. Chamberlain, unanimous consent being given, introduced
House bill No. 329, entitled

A bill to amend act No. 319 of the local acts of 1893, entitled "An act to allow the village of Ontonagon, in the State of Michigan, to borrow money and issue bonds in the sum of thirty thousand dollars to build water works and electric lighting plant," approved March 24, 1893, and to amend act No. 283 of the local acts of 1895, entitled "An act to allow the village of Ontonagon, in the county of Ontonagon and State of Michigan, to borrow money and issue bonds in the sum of twelve thousand dollars to extend its system of water works and complete its lighting plant," approved February 13, 1895, and to repeal all acts and parts of acts contravening or conflicting with this act.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Towns and Counties.

Mr. Chamberlain, unanimous consent being given, introduced
House bill No. 330, entitled

A bill to amend sections 8325 and 8347 of Howell's annotated statutes, relative to action for replevin.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

Mr. W. A. Reed, unanimous consent being given, introduced
House bill No. 331, entitled

A bill for the protection of fish in the waters of Round Lake, located in the townships of Liberty and Hanover, in the county of Jackson.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Fisheries and Game.

Mr. Brownell, unanimous consent being given, introduced
House bill No. 332, entitled

A bill making an appropriation for a deficiency in the current expenses of the Michigan Home for Feeble Minded and Epileptic, occurring in the year 1897.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Home for Feeble Minded and Epileptic.

Mr. Brownell, unanimous consent being given, introduced
House bill No. 333, entitled

A bill making appropriations for current expenses, and for buildings and special improvements for the Michigan Home for Feeble Minded and Epileptic, for the years 1899 and 1900.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Home for Feeble Minded and Epileptic.

Mr. Whitney, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 334, entitled

A bill to detach certain territory from the township of Muskegon, in the county of Muskegon, and attach the same to the township of Morton, in said county.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Towns and Counties.

Mr. Whitney, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 335, entitled

A bill to amend sections 6, 7, 11 and 12 of act No. 211 of the session laws of 1893, approved June 2, 1893, entitled "An act to provide for the appointment of a dairy and food commissioner and to define his powers and duties and fix his compensation," as amended by act No. 245 of the session laws of 1895, approved June 1, 1895, as further amended by act 154 of the session laws of 1897, approved May 24, 1897.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on State Affairs.

Mr. Whitney, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 336, entitled

A bill in relation to the powers and duties of the Dairy and Food Commissioner of the State of Michigan.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on State Affairs.

Mr. Woodruff, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 337, entitled

A bill to amend act No. 205 of the public acts of 1887, entitled "An act to revise the laws authorizing the business of banking, and to establish a banking department for the supervision of such business," approved June 21, 1887, by adding two new sections thereto to stand as sections 67 and 68.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Private Corporations.

Mr. Heck, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 338, entitled

A bill to amend section 4 of act No. 246 of the public acts of 1895, entitled "An act to establish a permanent State weather service in this State, co-operating with the weather bureau, United States Department of Agriculture, for the purpose of the collection and compilation of climatic and meteorologic data, the accurate and rapid dissemination of daily weather forecasts, also frost and cold wave warnings and weather and crop conditions; the same to be used for the benefit of the agricultural, commercial and scientific interests of the State and making an appropriation therefor," approved June 1, 1895.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on State Affairs.

Mr. Niedermeier, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 339, entitled

A bill to set aside the submerged and swamp lands in the State of Michigan bordering upon the Great Lakes and the bayous thereof for a public park, defining the limits thereof, and providing for its care and management.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Fisheries and Game.

Mr. Pack, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 340, entitled

A bill to regulate the sale of patent medicines.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Nevins, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 341, entitled

A bill to amend section 1 of act No. 109 of the public acts of 1895, entitled "An act to prevent the spread of the contagious diseases known as yellows, black knot, peach rosette and pear blight among peach, plum, cherry, prune, almond, apricot, nectarine and pear trees or the fruit thereof, by providing measures for the eradication of the same, and to repeal act No. 112 of the public acts of 1893, approved May 25, 1893."

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Horticulture.

Mr. Nevins, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 342, entitled

A bill to change the name of Frank Crawford to Frank Lull.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Phillips, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 343, entitled

A bill to provide for the continuance of the recompilation and copying of the records in the office of the Adjutant General pertaining to the enlistment, muster, history and final disposition of the soldiers and sailors from this State during the war of the rebellion, and for the publication of a "roster of Michigan's soldiers from 1861 to 1866 inclusive," and to make appropriation therefor.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Phillips, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 344, entitled

A bill to provide for the compilation and copying of the records in the office of the Adjutant General pertaining to the enlistment, muster, history and final disposition of the soldiers and sailors from this State during the Spanish-American war, and for the publication of a roster of Michigan's soldiers for the said war, and to make appropriation therefor.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Colby, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 345, entitled

A bill to amend section 2 of act No. 112 of the session laws of 1889, approved May 24, 1889, the same being compiler's section No. 4904 of Howell's annotated statutes, volume 3, entitled "An act to authorize any corporation organized under the laws of this State to sell its property, franchises, rights and privileges to any other corporation, organized under the same or similar laws of this State for the same corporate purpose."

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and referred to the committee on Private Corporations.

Mr. Burdick, unanimous consent being given, introduced
House bill No. 346, entitled

A bill to provide for the filing of a copy of the minutes made by surveyors or civil engineers, in the subdivision of all lands within the State.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and referred to the committee on Towns and Counties.

Mr. Hammond, unanimous consent being given, introduced
House bill No. 347, entitled

A bill to prohibit and declare unlawful and void all arrangements, contracts, agreements, trusts or combinations between corporations, or between corporations and individuals, or between individuals, made with a view to lessen or which tend to lessen free competition in the production, importation or sale of articles brought into this State, or produced in this State for export, or in the manufacture or sale of articles of domestic growth, or raw material; also to prohibit, declare unlawful and void all arrangements, trusts or combinations between persons or corporations, or between corporations, which are designed or which tend to advance rates, or control the price of any such articles, to the producer or consumer of such product or article; and to prescribe penalties for infringements of the provisions of this act.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and referred to the committee on Private Corporations.

Mr. Hart, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House joint resolution No. 348, entitled

Joint resolution to authorize and instruct the Board of State Auditors to examine into, and if they deem it justifiable, to allow the claim of William T. Densmore for injuries sustained by him from the premature discharge of a cannon, while engaged in the regular performance of his duties as a member of the Hudson Light Artillery Company, an organized volunteer militia company, organized under the laws of the State of Michigan, at Hudson, Michigan.

The joint resolution was read a first and second time by its title and referred to the committee on State Affairs.

Mr. Wheeler, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 349, entitled

A bill to prohibit the spearing of whitefish in Portage and Little Portage lakes.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and referred to the committee on Fisheries and Game.

Mr. Wheeler, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 350, entitled

A bill to provide for the compensation of persons illegally charged with and convicted of a crime, and confined in any prison or reformatory supported by the State.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and referred to the committee on State Affairs.

Mr. Wheeler, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 351, entitled

A bill to regulate the carrying of passengers by all railroad companies operating in the State of Michigan.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and referred to the committee on Railroads.

Mr. Chamberlain, unanimous consent being given, introduced
House bill No. 352, entitled

A bill to authorize any county within this State to acquire, by purchase or otherwise, abstracts of titles within such county, and to use or sell the same.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Chamberlain,
The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. McCallum, unanimous consent being given, introduced
House joint resolution No. 353, entitled

Joint resolution authorizing and directing the Board of State Auditors to purchase the national system of reports of the courts of the several states, and the digest of all the decisions of all the courts from the earliest date, for the several counties of the State of Michigan, for the use of the several circuit courts of said State.

The joint resolution was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Anderson, unanimous consent being given, introduced
House bill No. 354, entitled

A bill to provide for the exemption from taxation of certain properties, the products of industry, in addition to the exemptions now provided for by law.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Anderson, unanimous consent being given, introduced
House bill No. 355, entitled

A bill to provide for the salaries of the State Game and Fish Wardens, and for the appointment of a Chief Deputy Game and Fish Warden, and to prescribe his powers and duties.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Fisheries and Game.

Mr. Anderson, unanimous consent being given, introduced
House bill No. 356, entitled

A bill to amend sections 11 and 20 of an act entitled "An act to revise an act entitled 'An act relative to free schools in the city of Grand Rapids,' approved March 15, 1871, as amended by an act approved April 24, 1875, approved May 9, 1877, and further amended May 3, 1879, March 16, 1881, June 9, 1885, April 27, 1887, and May 23, 1893."

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on City Corporations.

Mr. Anderson, unanimous consent being given, introduced
House bill No. 357, entitled

A bill to revise and amend the state laws to protect fish and regulate fishing in the waters of this State, by providing close seasons for certain kinds of fish, by prohibiting the catching of fish of certain sizes, by prohibiting the catching of fish in certain specified ways, by prohibiting the catching of fish in certain waters and for certain purposes, by prohibiting the obstruction of streams, preventing the free passage of fish, and by prohibiting the sale of certain kinds of fish, to protect persons engaged in fish culture, and to repeal inconsistent acts.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Fisheries and Game.

Mr. Eikhoff, unanimous consent being given, introduced
House bill No. 358, entitled

A bill to provide for the payment of salaries, wages and moneys due persons holding office under or employed either directly or indirectly by this State or any county, township or municipality in this State.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Labor.

Mr. Eikhoff, unanimous consent being given, introduced
House joint resolution No. 359, entitled

Joint resolution to provide for the relief of Thomas Allen.

The joint resolution was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on State Affairs.

Mr. Eikhoff, unanimous consent being given, introduced
House bill No. 360, entitled

A bill to repeal act No. 25 of the session laws of 1897, entitled "An act to provide for the commencement and maintaining of actions, by and against unincorporated voluntary associations, clubs and societies, and for the service of process in such cases," approved March 10, 1897.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Eikhoff, unanimous consent being given, introduced
House joint resolution No. 361, entitled

Joint resolution proposing the repeal of section 3 of article 18 of the constitution of this State, and the adding of a new section thereto, to stand as section 3 of article 18, relative to the employment of prisoners confined in the several penitentiaries of this State.

The joint resolution was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Labor.

Mr. Eikhoff, unanimous consent being given, introduced
House bill No. 362, entitled

A bill appropriating money for the use of the Michigan Asylum for Dangerous and Criminal Insane.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Asylum for Dangerous and Criminal Insane.

Mr. Caldwell, unanimous consent being given, introduced
House bill No. 363, entitled

A bill appropriating money for improvements and repairs at the Michigan State Prison at Jackson, and improving the sewerage in Grand river.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and referred to the committee on State Prison.

Mr. Hall, unanimous consent being given, introduced
House joint resolution No. 364, entitled

Joint resolution for the relief of Fred L. Wait, member of Company F, First Infantry, Michigan National Guard.

The joint resolution was read a first and second time by its title and referred to the committee on State Affairs.

Mr. Sutherland, unanimous consent being given, introduced
House bill No. 365, entitled

A bill to regulate the fees to be paid at the office of the clerk of the supreme court and to provide the compensation to be paid to the clerk of the supreme court, his clerks and deputies.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Sutherland, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 366, entitled

A bill to prohibit the sale of butterine, oleomargarine and worked over butter in the Lower Peninsula of this State.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and referred to the committee on State Affairs.

Mr. Sutherland, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 367, entitled

A bill to regulate pawnbrokers, providing for the rate of interest and the inspection of their books.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and referred to the committee on Private Corporations.

Mr. Sutherland, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 368, entitled

A bill to amend act No. 351 of the public acts of 1897, entitled "An act to amend section 7 of act No. 149 of the public acts of 1893, entitled 'An act to provide for a county and township system of roads and to prescribe the powers and duties of the officers having charge thereof.'"

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

Mr. Burfoot, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 369, entitled

A bill in relation to actions upon guaranty.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Shepherd, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 370, entitled

A bill to authorize the city of Cheboygan to borrow money to pay for public improvements, and to issue bonds therefor.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and referred to the committee on City Corporations.

Mr. Bryan, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 371, entitled

A bill to provide for the appointment of one clerk by the township board of the township of Ecorse, in the county of Wayne, to assist in extending the tax rolls of said township.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Towns and Counties.

Mr. Bryan, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 372, entitled

A bill to amend section 2 of act No. 343 of the local acts of 1897, entitled "An act to provide for the payment of a salary to certain officers in the township of Ecorse, in the county of Wayne, and to fix the amount thereof," approved March 10, 1897.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Towns and Counties.

Mr. Hammond, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 373, entitled

A bill to authorize the common council of the city of Pontiac to provide that all the moneys collected in said city, under the provisions of act 198 of the session laws of 1877, as amended by act 179 of the session laws of

1895, in excess of the amounts required under the provisions of said act, to be paid to satisfy losses caused by the killing or injuring of sheep by dogs, may be used for the support and maintenance of a certain library in said city.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Hammond,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Hammond, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 374, entitled

A bill to amend section 6 of act No. 198 of the session laws of 1877, entitled "An act to provide for a tax upon dogs, and to create a fund for the payment of certain damages for sheep killed or wounded by them in certain cases," being section 2128 of Howell's annotated statutes of the State of Michigan.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Hammond,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. McLeod, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 375, entitled

A bill to amend section 35 of act No. 468 of the local acts of 1895, entitled "An act to amend and revise chapters 1 and 2 of an act entitled 'An act to provide a charter for the city of Detroit, and to repeal all acts and parts of acts in conflict therewith,'" approved June 7, 1883, and to repeal all acts and parts of acts contravening the provisions of this act.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Elections.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Chamberlain offered the following:

Whereas, It has come to the knowledge of the House that Representative Kerr has so far transgressed the unwritten law of the House as to disregard his amenability to its jurisdiction, and in a misguided hour, without the official knowledge of the House or its consent granted, has entered into a contract, which, unless its terms shall be annulled, will last as long as life shall last; and

Whereas, It is the duty of the House to itself to take due cognizance of any breaches in its unwritten law, and to visit punishment upon the recalcitrant as the nature of the offense may require; be it

Resolved, That in view of the peculiar position in which Mr. Kerr was placed, having plighted his troth prior to the date of his becoming a member of this body, that the bonds of wedlock in which he has entered are hereby confirmed and made sure; nor let him ever ask a court of equity to declare its obligations null.

Resolved, That for the grave offense committed against the dignity of the House, in not asking its consent to his engaging in the bonds of matrimony, Representative Kerr be required to seek out each member of the House separately, and humbly making his obeisance, beg pardon for his grave misdoings, and faithfully promise that during the term of the Legislature of 1899 he will not repeat the offense.

Resolved, That an engrossed copy of these resolutions be presented to the recalcitrant member at an early date, by the Clerk.

Which was adopted by a unanimous rising vote.

Mr. Lusk offered the following:

Resolved, That the use of the hall of the House of Representatives be and is hereby granted the joint committee for the purpose of conducting a Peace Jubilee program Thursday evening, February 23, next.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Heck offered the following:

Resolved, That the use of this hall be granted to the Ladies' Union Label League of this city on the evening of March 8, 1899, to be used for the purpose of a free lecture to be given by Dr. George D. Herron.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Chamberlain offered the following:

Whereas, Miss Helen Kelleher, lecturer and dramatic reader, has kindly offered to present gratuitously a lecture and stereopticon views from the Golden Gate State, being authorized so to do by the State Board of Trade of California and the Southern Pacific Railway Co.; and

Whereas, Both the lecture and views are of much interest and very entertaining; therefore

Resolved, That Miss Kelleher be invited to present such lecture and views, on the evening of March 14, proximo, and that the use of Representative Hall be reserved for such purpose, upon the evening of the date mentioned.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Lusk offered the following:

That the Attorney General be and is hereby respectfully requested to inform this House as to the legal right of the Legislature to order a constitutional convention on the strength of the vote cast in the last general election on the revision of the constitution.

Which was adopted.

GENERAL ORDER.

On motion of Mr. Alward,

The House went into committee of the whole on the general order.

Whereupon the Speaker called Mr. Foster to the chair.

After some time spent therein, the committee rose, and through their chairman, made the following report:

The committee of the whole have had under consideration the following:

House bill No. 89 (file No. 12), entitled

A bill to amend section 4 of act No. 129 of the public acts of 1883, entitled "An act for the organization of telephone and messenger service companies," approved May 31, 1883, the same being section 6691 of the compiled laws of 1897.

Have made sundry amendments thereto, and have directed their chairman to report the same back to the House, asking concurrence therein, and recommend its passage.

The committee of the whole have also had under consideration the following:

House bill No. 149 (file No. 22), entitled

A bill to amend section 105 of chapter 10, being compiler's section 595, of the compiled laws of 1871, as amended by act number 240 of the public acts of 1895, relating to the duties and compensation of county surveyors, being compiler's section 624 of Howell's annotated statutes.

Have stricken out all after the enacting clause thereof, and have directed their chairman to report that fact to the House, asking concurrence therein.

W. H. FOSTER,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Gillam,

The House concurred in the amendments made by the committee to the first named bill, and it was placed on the order of third reading.

On motion of Mr. Shepherd,

The House concurred in the action of the committee in striking out all after the enacting clause of the second named bill, and

The title and enacting clause were laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Goodyear,

The House adjourned.

{ REPRESENTATIVE HALL, LANSING,
Thursday, February 16, 1899.

The House met pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Myers.

Roll called: quorum present.

Absent without leave: Messrs. Locher and Wayne.

On motion of Mr. Stewart,

Leave of absence was granted to all absentees for the day.

On motion of Mr. Burdick,

Leave of absence was granted to the committee on University until Monday next.

On motion of Mr. Collins,

Leave of absence was granted to himself until Monday next.

On motion of Mr. Lusk,

Leave of absence was granted to himself until Tuesday next.

On motion of Mr. Shepherd,

Leave of absence was granted to himself until Monday next.

On motion of Mr. Weter,

Leave of absence was granted to Mr. Wells until Tuesday next.

On motion of Mr. Heineman,

Leave of absence was granted to himself for tomorrow.

On motion of Mr. Hart,

Leave of absence was granted to himself until Monday next.

On motion of Mr. Brownell,

Leave of absence was granted to himself until Monday next.

On motion of Mr. Woodruff.

Leave of absence was granted to himself until Monday next.

On motion of Mr. Woodruff,

Leave of absence was granted to the committee on Home for Feeble Minded and Epileptic until Monday next.

On motion of Mr. Stewart,

Leave of absence was granted to himself until Monday next.

On motion of Mr. Rulison,

Leave of absence was granted to the committee on School for the Deaf until Monday next.

BILLS PRESENTED TO THE GOVERNOR.

By the Clerk:

I have to report that I have this day enrolled, compared and presented to the Governor,

House bill No. 117, entitled

An act to provide for the relief of sick, disabled and needy ex-soldiers, sailors and marines of the late Spanish-American war.

In accordance with the rules and order of the House: the receipt for the same being dated 4:25 o'clock p. m., Feb. 15, 1899.

LEWIS M. MILLER,

Clerk of the House.

By the Clerk:

I have to report that I have this day enrolled, compared and presented to the Governor,

House bill No. 32, entitled

An act to authorize and direct the Commissioner of the State Land Office of this State, to issue a patent to James O. Ferguson and Cora A. Ferguson for the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of section sixteen in township number three south of range number four west, confirming the title thereto in James O. Ferguson and Cora A. Ferguson.

In accordance with the rules and order of the House: the receipt for the same being dated 4:26 o'clock p. m., Feb. 15, 1899.

LEWIS M. MILLER,

Clerk of the House.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS.

No. 74. By Mr. Van Camp: Petition of sportsmen of Benton Harbor for changes in the game law.

On demand of Mr. Van Camp,

The petition was read at length and spread at large on the Journal, as follows:

We, the undersigned sportsmen of Benton Harbor, Michigan. Berrien county, hereby request that the prohibition of spring shooting of snipe be withdrawn; the existing law is not having the desired effect in increasing the number of birds. It is also requested that the opening season for quail and partridge be changed to read October 15, to December 15, instead of October 1, to December 1, as the birds are not matured previous to October 15.

Referred to the committee on Fisheries and Game.

No. 75. By Mr. Shepherd: Petition of Samuel J. Smith and 38 others

asking for a law to prohibit the killing of deer for a term of five years in a certain part of this State.

Referred to the committee on Fisheries and Game.

No. 76. By Mr. Mason: Petition of Robert Kirby and 75 others asking that certain territory detached from School District No. 2, township of Rush, Shiawassee county, be returned to said township school district No. 2.

Referred to the committee on Education.

No. 77. By Mr. Waterbury: Resolutions of Essex Farmer's Club.

On demand of Mr. Waterbury

The resolution was read at length and spread at large on the Journal, as follows:

Resolved by the Essex Farmer's Club in regular session assembled, That our Senator and Representative in the Legislature be requested to use all proper means to secure the enactment into law of the Cheever-Atkinson taxation bill and the County Salaries Bill.

Referred to the special joint committee on Taxation.

No. 78. By Mr. Handy: Petition of William R. Murphy and others of the township of Stambaugh, county of Iron, requesting the passage of an act dispensing with the Overseer of Highways in the township of Stambaugh.

Referred to the committee on Towns and Counties.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

By the committee on Roads and Bridges:

The committee on Roads and Bridges, to whom was referred

House bill No. 254, entitled

A bill to amend section 3 of chapter 11 of act No. 243, of the session laws of 1881, as amended by act 132 of the session laws of 1889, entitled "An act to revise and consolidate the laws relating to the establishment, opening, improvement and maintenance of highways and private roads, and the building, repairing and preservation of bridges within this State," approved June 8, 1881.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House with amendments thereto, recommending that the amendments be concurred in, and that the bill when so amended do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

S. C. GOODYEAR,

Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The question being on concurring in the amendments made by the committee to the bill,

The House concurred.

The bill was then ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

By the committee on Roads and Bridges:

The committee on Roads and Bridges, to whom was referred

House bill No. 46, entitled

A bill to regulate the use of barbed wire along the margin of the highway.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration and have directed me to report the same back to the House, with the accompanying substitute therefor, entitled .

A bill to regulate the use of barbed wire for fences along or to mark the margin of the public highway and for partition fences.

Recommending that the substitute be concurred in, and that the substitute do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

S. C. GOODYEAR,

Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The question being on concurring in the substitute reported for the bill by the committee,

The House concurred.

The bill was then ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

By the committee on State Affairs:

The committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred

House joint resolution No. 95, entitled

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to section 1 of article VII of the constitution of the State of Michigan, relative to elections.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

HENRY L. WOOD,

Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The joint resolution was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on State Affairs:

The committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred

House joint resolution No. 348, entitled

A joint resolution to authorize and instruct the Board of State Auditors to examine into and if they deem it justifiable, to allow the claim of William T. Densmore for injuries sustained by him from a premature discharge of a cannon while engaged in the regular performance of his duty as a member of the Hudson Light Artillery Company, an organized volunteer militia company, organized under the laws of the State of Michigan at Hudson, Michigan.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House with amendments thereto, recommending that the amendments be concurred in, and that the joint resolution when so amended do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

HENRY L. WOOD,

Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The question being on concurring in the amendments made by the committee to the joint resolution,

The House concurred.

The joint resolution was then ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

By the committee on Education:

The committee on Education, to whom was referred

House bill No. 283, entitled

A bill to incorporate the public schools of the township of Matchwood in the county of Ontonagon.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

JOHN SHISLER,

Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

Pending the order that the bill be printed, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

On motion of Mr. Shisler,

The rules were suspended, two-thirds of all the members present voting therefor, and the bill was put upon its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Alward
Anderson
Babcock
Brownell
Burch
Burfoot
Buskirk
Caldwell
Chandler
Colby
Crosby
Davis
Dickinson
Doyle
Dudley
Duff
Gillam
Gillette
Goodell
Goodrich
Goodyear
Gordon
Hall
Hammond

Mr. Handy
Hart
Hatzembuhler
Heck
Heineman
Herrig
Hofmeister
Howell
Keep
Kerr
Kingott
Lugers
McCall
McCallum
McKay
Mason
Murdoch
Murphy
Nash
Nevins
Niedermeier
Oberdorffer
Pack
Pearson

Mr. Randall
Reed, G. W.
Reed, W. A.
Robinson
Rulison
Schmidt
Scully
Shepherd
Shisler
Soper
Stewart
Stumpenhusen
Taziman
Van Camp
Waterbury
Watters
Weier
Wells
Weter
Whitney
Wing
Wood
Woodruff
Speaker

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NAYS.

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Shisler,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

By the committee on Judiciary:

The committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred

House bill No. 93, entitled

A bill to require the labeling of all gasoline, benzine and naphtha sold at retail, and to repeal act No. 146, laws of 1889.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House with amendments thereto, recommending that the amendments be concurred in, and that the bill when so amended do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

F. SHEPHERD,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The question being on concurring in the amendments made by the committee to the bill,

The House concurred.

The bill was then ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

By the committee on Judiciary:

The committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 9 (file No. 4), entitled

A bill to authorize the formation of corporation for intellectual scientific, aesthetic, spiritual, liberal culture or enquiry, and to repeal an act entitled, "An act to authorize the formation of association for intellectual, scientific, aesthetic, spiritual, religious or liberal culture or enquiry," approved May 20, 1879, being chapter 147 of Howell's annotated statutes.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House with amendments thereto, recommending that the amendments be concurred in, and that the bill when so amended do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

F. SHEPHERD,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The question being on concurring in the amendments made by the committee to the bill,

The House concurred.

The bill was then ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

By the committee on Judiciary:

The committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred

House bill No. 33, entitled

A bill to repeal act No. 29 of the public acts of 1887, entitled "An act to provide for the payment of bounties for the killing of English sparrows." the same being sections 2259b, 2259c and 2259d of Howell's annotated statutes as amended by act No. 189 of the public acts of 1895, and all other acts amendatory thereof.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, without

amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

F. SHEPHERD,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on General Taxation:

The committee on General Taxation, to whom was referred

House bill No. 231, entitled

A bill to provide for the taxation of certain transfers of property by gift, grant, inheritance, devise or bequest.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to request of the House that the bill be printed for the use of the committee.

H. J. DUDLEY,
Chairman.

Report accepted.

The question being on ordering the bill printed for the use of the committee,

The House so ordered.

By the committee on General Taxation:

The committee on General Taxation, to whom was referred

House bill No. 154, entitled

A bill to amend sections 127, 128, 130, 131 and 133 of act No. 206 of the public acts of 1893, being "An act to provide for the assessment of property and the levy and collection of taxes thereon, and for the collection of taxes heretofore and hereafter levied, making such tax a lien on the lands taxed, establishing and continuing such liens, providing for the sale and conveyance of lands delinquent for taxes, and for the inspection and disposition of lands bid off to the State and not redeemed or purchased, and to repeal act No. 200 of the public acts of 1891, and all other acts and parts of acts in anywise contravening any of the provisions of this act," as amended by act No. 154 of the public acts of 1895 and act No. 240 of the public acts of 1897.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to request of the House that the bill be printed for the use of the committee.

H. J. DUDLEY,
Chairman.

Report accepted.

The question being on ordering the bill printed for the use of the committee,

The House so ordered.

By the committee on General Taxation:

The committee on General Taxation, to whom was referred

House bill No. 87, entitled

A bill to amend section 47 of act 206 of the public acts of 1893, being "An act to provide for the assessment of property and the levy and collection of taxes thereon, and for the collection of taxes heretofore and hereafter levied; making such taxes a lien on the lands taxed;

establishing and continuing such lien; providing for the sale and conveyance of lands delinquent for taxes, and for the inspection and disposition of lands bid off to the State and not redeemed or purchased; and to repeal act No. 200 of the public acts of 1891, and all other acts and parts of acts in anywise contravening any of the provisions of this act."

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

H. J. DUDLEY,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on Elections:

The committee on Elections, to whom was referred

House joint resolution No. 289, entitled

A joint resolution proposing amendments to sections 1 and 20 of article 4 of the constitution of this State, and also to add three new sections thereto, to stand as sections 50, 51 and 52, relative to granting Legislative power to the electors and the manner of exercising the same.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration and have directed me to request of the House that 1,000 copies of the joint resolution be printed for the use of the committee.

SHERMAN T. HANDY,
Chairman.

Report accepted.

The question being on ordering the joint resolution printed for the use of the committee,

The House so ordered.

By the committee on Elections:

The committee on Elections, to whom was referred

House bill No. 251, entitled

A bill to amend section 5 of act No. 190 of the public acts of 1891, entitled "An act to prescribe the manner of conducting and to prevent fraud and (deception) deceptions at elections in this State."

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House without amendment and recommend that it do pass, and that 500 additional copies be printed, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

SHERMAN T. HANDY,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

The question being on ordering 500 extra copies of the bill printed for the use of the committee,

The House so ordered.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR.

The Speaker announced the following:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE.
Lansing, February 16, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I have this day approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State, House bill No. 23, being

An act to provide for the rental of the armories of the Michigan State National Guard.

Respectfully,

H. S. PINGREE,
Governor.

The message was ordered spread on the Journal.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM STATE OFFICERS.

Lansing, Michigan, February 15, 1899.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:

The Commissioners for Promotion of Uniformity of Legislation in the United States, appointed under authority of concurrent resolution No. 7, laws of 1891 of this State, empowered to meet representatives from other States in convention, to draft uniform laws for submission and adoption by the several States and to advise and recommend such other action as shall best accomplish the purpose of the resolution, and to present to the Legislature of this State, by forms of bills or otherwise, such legislation as they may recommend, respectfully report as follows:

Thirty-one other States have appointed like commissioners. These commissioners have held eight different conferences and have made recommendations to the several States upon various subjects, such as acknowledgment and execution of deeds, execution and probate of wills. Several of these bills have become the law of this State. The most important act formulated and recommended by these national conferences is one relating to negotiable instruments.

At the conference held at Detroit in 1895, the committee on Commercial Law was instructed to prepare a bill based on the "English bills of exchange act," passed by the Parliament of Great Britain in 1882. The committee secured the services of John J. Crawford, of New York, to prepare a draft of the proposed bill. While taking the benefit not only of the English act, but also of the French commercial code and the German bills of exchange act, Mr. Crawford prepared the draft of a bill better fitted to the needs of this country than either the English act or any one of the continental codes, and produced what is conceded to be the best statement of the law of negotiable paper anywhere to be found. It has called forth unqualified commendation of men learned in commercial law.

Mr. Arthur Cohen, Q. C., one of the framers of the English act, writes: "In my opinion the language of the bill is singularly felicitous; it is more clear, concise, less stiff and artificial than that of our bills of exchange act."

Judge Brewster, of Connecticut, in an able address before the Amer-

ican Bar Association at Saratoga Springs in August, 1898, said: "While Mr. Crawford has made use of the English act and continental codes, so far as they serve his purpose, he has been especially careful to state the law as it has been laid down in the American cases; and it may be safely said that there is not an important provision in the act which is not supported by some well considered decision of an American court of high authority, or by some American statute which has been tested and proved by experience."

Judge Brewster, in his address, quotes from Prof. Huffcut in his work on negotiable instruments, published in 1898, as follows: "It presents the best statement available of the results of the English and American judicial decisions."

Governor Jones, of Arkansas, in his recent message to the Legislature of that State, says: "I find it to be really a codification of the laws relating to negotiable instruments, and I believe it will be of great benefit to our commercial and business men in general as well as to all who may deal in negotiable instruments. It puts the law in such shape that it may be readily understood by any person of ordinary understanding, and will do away with the necessity of searching through hundreds of books to find what the law on that subject really is."

The Congressional Committee of the House of Representatives and of the Senate unanimously recommended the bill for the District of Columbia. In their report, among other things, they say: "While the bill is simple and intelligible in its expression, great care is taken to preserve the use of words which have had repeated legal constructions and become recognized terms of the law merchant. All the fundamental principles and essential decisions of the law of commercial paper—the law, in short, of some ten thousand reported cases—are, in substance, condensed into thirty-six pages. The disputed points and variant laws whose discussion occupies so large a share of two and three volumed treatises on the subject, are decided and harmonized."

The law was adopted by both Houses of Congress for the District of Columbia. It has also been adopted in New York, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Maryland, Virginia, Florida and Colorado, and it is expected that it will become the law of many other, if not most, of the States during the present winter.

The provisions of the statutes and the decisions of the courts of the several States as to negotiable instruments are so diverse on many points that the early adoption of a uniform law by all the States would be of great value to the business of the country.

The commissioners from this State earnestly recommend the adoption, without amendment, of House bill No. 8, which has been recommended unanimously by commissioners from thirty-one States.

S. M. CUTCHEON,

T. J. O'BRIEN,

CHAS. W. CASGRAIN.

The communication was referred to the committee on Judiciary.

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.

The Speaker announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, February 15, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House the following bill:

House bill No. 51, entitled

A bill to provide an additional voting precinct in the township of Holmes, county of Menominee, to be known as voting precinct No. 3.

In the passage of which the Senate has concurred by a majority vote of all the Senators elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect has ordered the same to take immediate effect.

Very respectfully,

CHARLES S. PIERCE,
Secretary of the Senate.

The bill was referred for enrollment and presentation to the Governor, under the rules.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, February 15, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House the following bill:

House bill No. 266, entitled

A bill to set aside a part of fractional school district No. 1, school district No. 3 and school district No. 6, in the townships of Warren and Sterling, in the county of Macomb, and to make a new district thereof.

In the passage of which the Senate has concurred by a majority vote of all the Senators elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect has ordered the same to take immediate effect.

Very respectfully,

CHARLES S. PIERCE,
Secretary of the Senate.

The bill was referred for enrollment and presentation to the Governor, under the rules.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, February 15, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House the following bill:

House bill No. 98, entitled

A bill to provide for two voting precincts in the township of Sault Ste. Marie, in the county of Chippewa, and the conduct of elections thereat.

In the passage of which the Senate has concurred by a majority vote of

all the Senators elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect has ordered the same to take immediate effect.

Very respectfully,

CHARLES S. PIERCE,

Secretary of the Senate.

The bill was referred for enrollment and presentation to the Governor, under the rules.

NOTICES.

Mr. Gillam gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend the charter of the city of Tawas City.

Mr. Goodrich gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill amending certain sections and chapters of act 215 of public acts of 1895, and act 239 of public acts of 1897.

Mr. Wing gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend section 12 of chapter 7 of Howell's annotated statutes, the same being compiler's section No. 91, relative to the registration of electors.

Mr. Oberdorffer gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend act No. 145 of the public acts of 1893, entitled "An act to revise and consolidate the laws relative to the establishment, opening, improvement and maintenance of highways and private roads, and the building, repairing and preservation of bridges within this State."

Mr. Shisler gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to prevent the lapsing, forfeiture and suspension of life insurance contracts, for unavoidable causes.

Mr. Miller gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to detach certain lands from school district No. four (4) fractional of the townships of Evergreen, Sidney, Fairplains and Bushnell, in the county of Montcalm.

Mr. Stewart gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend charter, city of Detroit.

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Mr. N. W. Burdick gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to confer the provisions of public acts No. 186 of the public acts of 1891, upon the township of Elk Rapids, Antrim county, and the township board thereof.

Mr. Kerr gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend sections 2, 12, 17, 22 and 23 of chapter 257 of Howell's annotated statutes of Michigan, being continuous sections 7291, 7301, 7306, 7311 and 7312 of said statutes.

Mr. Woodruff gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill for tax upon dogs to create a fund for the payment of certain damages for sheep killed by them in certain cases.

Mr. Colby gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend section 48 of chapter 7 of an act entitled "An act to provide a charter for the city of Detroit, and to repeal all acts and parts of acts in conflict therewith," approved June 7, 1883.

Mr. Crosby gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend section No. 75 of act No. 53 of the session laws of 1859, entitled "An act to incorporate the city of Battle Creek," approved February 3, 1859, as revised and amended by the several acts revisionary and amendatory thereof, approved April 9, 1887, and as amended by act No. 384 of the session laws of 1889, approved May 9, 1889, and as amended by act No. 331 of the session laws of 1891, approved May 22, 1891, and as amended by act No. 312 of the session laws of 1893, approved March 22, 1893, and as amended by act No. 418 of the session laws of 1895, approved May 17, 1895, and as amended by act No. 371 of the session laws of 1897, approved March 24, 1897, and to add one new section thereto, to be known as section No. 98.

Mr. Crosby gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend sections 6, 8, 9 and 94 of act No. 53 of the session laws of 1859, entitled "An act to incorporate the city of Battle Creek," approved February 3, 1859, as revised and amended by the several acts revisionary and amendatory thereof, approved April 9, 1887, and as amended by act No. 384 of the session laws of 1889, approved May 9, 1889, and as amended by act No. 331 of the session laws of 1891, approved May 22, 1891, and as amended by act No. 312 of the session laws of 1893, approved March 22, 1893, and as amended by act No. 418 of the session laws of 1895, approved May 17, 1895, and as amended by act No. 371 of

the session laws of 1897, approved March 24, 1897, and to add one new section thereto, to be known as section No. 99.

Mr. Crosby gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to regulate the practice of horseshoeing in the State of Michigan.

Mr. Crosby gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill relative to suits for damages for libel and slander, and to repeal act No. 216 of the session laws of 1895, entitled "An act regulating the bringing of actions for, and limiting damages for libel and slander in respect to feelings, and providing for separate awards for juries in such actions."

Mr. Crosby gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to create a continuous lien for board, storage and care of horses, wagons, harnesses, horse furniture and trappings, and to prescribe the manner and means of its enforcement, and to repeal all acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith.

Mr. Crosby gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill relative to the publication of chattel mortgage sales in newspapers.

Mr. Crosby gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to prohibit the shooting and spearing of fish in the Kalamazoo river above the city of Allegan.

Mr. Crosby gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to prohibit the killing or hunting of quail, partridge, woodcock and snipe in the lower peninsula of Michigan, except at certain times in the year, and to repeal all acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith.

Mr. Crosby gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to prohibit the selling, or offering for sale, or the shipment out of the State of Michigan for the purpose of selling or offering for sale, of quail, partridge, woodcock and snipe.

Mr. Crosby gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill relative to and providing for the publication in newspapers of all election notices, proceedings of township boards, village ordinances and proceedings of village boards or councils.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

Mr. Kingott, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 376, entitled

A bill to amend section 1 of act No. 31 of the session laws of 1858, entitled "An act to provide for the sale of the swamp land and the reclamation thereof, and to secure the preemption claims of settlers thereon," being section 1447, compiled laws of 1897.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Kingott, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 377, entitled

A bill to authorize the Commissioner of the State Land Office to sell or dispose of swamp lands on the St. Clair Flats in the township of Clay, St. Clair county.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Kingott, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 378, entitled

A bill to amend section 5227, Howell's annotated statutes.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Whitney, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 379, entitled

A bill to amend act No. 145 of the public acts of 1893, entitled "An act to revise and consolidate the laws relative to the establishing, opening, improvement and maintenance of highways and private roads across railroad tracks, and the building, repairing and preservation of bridges within this State."

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and referred to the committee on Railroads.

Mr. Whitney, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 380, entitled

A bill to establish the office of Assistant Treasurer, naming his powers and duties and fixing the salary thereof.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and referred to the committee on Towns and Counties.

Mr. Whitney, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 381, entitled

A bill to amend sections 1, 3 and 30 of act No. 156, of the public acts of 1851, entitled "An act to define the powers and duties of the boards of supervisors of the several counties and to confer upon them certain local administrative and legislative powers, and acts amendatory thereof," the same being sections 473 and 502 of Howell's annotated statutes of the State of Michigan.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and referred to the committee on Towns and Counties.

Mr. Burch, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 382, entitled

A bill to amend section 8 of act No. 313 of the public acts of 1887, entitled "An act to provide for the taxation and regulation of the business of manufacturing, selling, keeping for sale, furnishing, giving or delivering spirituous and intoxicating liquors, and malt, brewed or fermented liquors and vinous liquors in this State, and to repeal all acts and parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act."

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of **Mr. Burch**,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Burch, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 383, entitled

A bill to amend section 17 of act No. 313 of the public acts of 1887, en-

titled "An act to provide for the taxation and regulation of the business of manufacturing, selling, keeping for sale, furnishing, giving or delivering spirituous and intoxicating liquors, and malt, brewed or fermented liquors and vinous liquors in this State, and to repeal all acts or parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act."

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Burch,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Lusk, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 384, entitled

A bill to encourage the manufacture of pig iron in this State, and pay a compensation therefor.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

Mr. Schmidt, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 385, entitled

A bill to authorize the city of Saginaw to borrow money, to be used in building a bridge and approaches, at Genesee street, across the Saginaw river, in the city of Saginaw, county of Saginaw, and to issue bonds therefor.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on City Corporations.

Mr. Schmidt, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 386, entitled

A bill for the protection of fish in the Saginaw river and its tributaries.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Fisheries and Game.

Mr. Schmidt, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 387, entitled

A bill for the protection of fish.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Fisheries and Game.

Mr. Keep, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 388, entitled

A bill for the protection of certain fur bearing animals.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Fisheries and Game.

Mr. Goodrich, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 389, entitled

A bill to provide for the establishment, maintenance, management and use of school district libraries and to repeal all laws and parts of laws inconsistent with this act.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and referred to the committee on Education.

Mr. Goodrich, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 390, entitled

A bill to amend sections No. 1 and 3 of act No. 280, of the public acts of 1887, entitled "An act to protect the owners and keepers of stallions," approved June 28, 1887, being sections 1621a and 1621c of Howell's annotated statutes of 1882.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and referred to the committee on Agriculture.

Mr. Goodell, unanimous consent being given, introduced
House bill No. 391, entitled

A bill making appropriations for the State House of Correction and Reformatory for building and special purposes during the years 1899 and 1900.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and referred to the committee on State House of Correction and Reformatory.

Mr. Goodell, unanimous consent being given, introduced
House bill No. 392, entitled

A bill to change the name of fractional school district No. 2 of Plymouth and Novi townships, in the counties of Wayne and Oakland, in the State of Michigan, to fractional school district No. 1 of Northville and Novi townships, and to add new territory thereto.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and referred to the committee on Education.

Mr. Goodell, unanimous consent being given, introduced
House bill No. 393, entitled

A bill to incorporate the public schools in the village of Wayne, in Wayne county.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and referred to the committee on Education.

Mr. Gordon, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 394, entitled

A bill to amend sections 23, 24 and 25 of an act entitled "An act to provide for the assessment of property and the levy and collection of taxes thereon, and for collection of taxes heretofore and hereafter levied, making such taxes a lien on the lands taxed, establishing and continuing such liens, providing for the sale and conveyance of lands delinquent for taxes, and for the inspection and disposition of lands bid off to the State and not redeemed or purchased, and to repeal act No. 200 of the public acts of 1891, and all other acts and parts of acts in anywise contravening any of the provisions of this act," approved June 1, 1893.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and referred to the committee on General Taxation.

Mr. McCall, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 395, entitled

A bill to amend section 25 of act No. 113, of the public acts of 1877, entitled "An act to revise the laws providing for the incorporation of companies for mining, smelting and manufacturing iron, copper, silver, mineral coal and other ores or minerals, and to fix the duties and liabilities of such corporations," approved May 11, 1877, being compiler's section 4100 of Howell's annotated statutes of Michigan relative to the consolidation of such corporations.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. McCall,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. McCall, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 396, entitled

A bill to repeal sections 25, 26, 27 and 28 of act No. 113 of the public acts of 1877, entitled "An act to revise the laws providing for the incorporation of companies for mining, smelting and manufacturing iron, copper, silver, mineral coal and other ores or minerals, and to fix the duties and liabilities of such corporations," approved May 11, 1877, being compiler's sections 4100, 4101, 4102 and 4103 of Howell's annotated statutes of Michigan, relative to the consolidation of such corporations.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. McCall,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Woodruff, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 397, entitled

A bill to provide for the submission to the qualified electors of the township of Broomfield, in the county of Isabella, State of Michigan, the question of the relief of Henry D. Wright, treasurer of the township of Broomfield in said county, from liability on account of the loss of township funds, occasioned through the failure of the Peoples' Savings Bank of Mt. Pleasant.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Woodruff,

The rules were suspended, two-thirds of all the members present voting therefor, and the bill was put upon its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Anderson

Babcock

Brownell

Bryan

Burch

Burdick

Burfoot

Buskirk

Caldwell

Chandler

Colby

Collins

Colvin

Crosby

Davis

Dickinson

Doyle

Dudley

Eikhoff

Fleischhauer

Mr. Gordon

Gustin

Hall

Hammond

Hart

Heineman

Hofmeister

Howell

Keep

Kingott

Lugers

McCall

McCallum

McKay

McLean

McLeod

Mason

Murdoch

Murphy

Nevins

Mr. Pearson

Randall

Reed, G. W.

Reed, W. A.

Robinson

Rulison

Schmidt

Scully

Shepherd

Shisler

Soper

Stewart

Stumpenhusen

Taziman

Van Camp

Waterbury

Weier

Wells

Weter

Wing

Mr. Gillam
Gillette
Goodrich
Goodyear

Mr. Niedermeier
Oberdorffer
Pack

Mr. Wood
Woodruff
Speaker

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NAYS.

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Woodruff,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

Mr. Woodruff, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 398, entitled

A bill to provide for the submission to the qualified electors of the township of Deerfield, in the county of Isabella, in the State of Michigan, the question of the relief of Alvah D. Weston, treasurer of the township of Deerfield in said county, from liability on account of the loss of township funds, occasioned through the failure of the Peoples' Savings Bank, of Mt. Pleasant.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Woodruff,

The rules were suspended, two-thirds of all the members present voting therefor, and the bill was put upon its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Anderson
Babcock
Brownell
Bryan
Bur:h
Burfoot
Buskirk
Caldwell
Chandler
Colby
Collins
Colvin
Dickinson
Doyle
Dudley
Duff
Eikhoff
Fleischhauer
Gillam
Gillette
Goodrich

Mr. Hall
Hammond
Handy
Hart
Heineman
Herrig
Hofmeister
Howell
Keep
Kingott
Lugers
McCall
McCallum
McKay
McLeod
Mason
Murdoch
Murphy
Nash
Nevins
Niedermeier

Mr. Randall
Reed, G. W.
Reed, W. A.
Robinson
Rulison
Schmidt
Scully
Shepherd
Shisler
Soper
Stewart
Stumpenhuisen
Sutherland
Taziman
Van Camp
Waterbury
Weier
Wells
Weter
Whitney
Wing

Mr. Goodyear
Gordon
Gustin

Mr. Oberdorffer
Pack
Pearson

Mr. Wood
Woodruff
Speaker

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NAYS.

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Woodruff,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

Mr. Woodruff, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 399, entitled

A bill to provide for the submission to the qualified electors of the township of Nottawa, in the county of Isabella, in the State of Michigan, the question of the relief of Charles A. Hibbreln, treasurer of the township of Nottawa, in said county, from liability on account of loss of township funds, through the failure of the Peoples' Savings Bank of Mt. Pleasant.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Woodruff,

The rules were suspended, two-thirds of all the members present voting therefor, and the bill was put upon its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Anderson
Babcock
Brownell
Bryan
Burch
Burfoot
Buskirk
Caldwell
Chandler
Colby
Collins
Colvin
Dickinson
Doyle
Dudley
Duff
Eikhoff
Fleischhauer
Gillam
Gillette
Goodrich
Goodyear

Mr. Handy
Hart
Hatzenbuhler
Heck
Heineman
Howell
Keep
Kelly
Kingott
Lugers
McCall
McCallum
McKay
McLean
McLeod
Mason
Murdoch
Murphy
Nash
Nevins
Niedermeier
Oberdorffer

Mr. Randall
Reed, G. W.
Reed, W. A.
Robinson
Rulison
Schmidt
Scully
Shepherd
Shisler
Soper
Stewart
Stumpenhuser
Sutherland
Taziman
Van Camp
Waterbury
Weier
Wells
Weter
Whitney
Wing
Wood

Mr. Gustin
Hall
Hammond

Mr. Pack
Pearson

Mr. Woodruff
Speaker

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NAYS.

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Woodruff,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

Mr. Cheever, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 400, entitled

A bill to provide for service of writs and declarations upon non-resident defendants in actions at law commenced in any court of record in this State.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Cheever, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 401, entitled

A bill to simplify practice in actions in chancery.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Cheever, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 402, entitled

A bill to amend section 16 of act No. 183 of the public acts of 1897, entitled "An act to provide for the appointment and to fix the term of office, duties and compensation of circuit court stenographers in the State of Michigan," approved May 29, 1897.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Revision and Amendment of the Statutes.

Mr. Colby, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 403, entitled

A bill to provide for and regulate the selection and organization of standing committees of the House of Representatives.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and referred to the committee on Rules and Joint Rules.

Mr. Colby, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 404, entitled

A bill to amend sections 6738 and 6739 of Howell's annotated statutes of the State of Michigan, relative to appeals in chancery to the supreme court.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Shepherd, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House joint resolution No. 405, entitled

Joint resolution for the relief of the compiler of the compiled laws of 1897.

The joint resolution was read a first and second time by its title and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Shepherd, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House joint resolution No. 406, entitled

Joint resolution proposing an amendment to section 9, article 13 of the constitution of this State, relative to the State Board of Education.

The joint resolution was read a first and second time by its title and referred to the committee on Education.

Mr. Shepherd, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 407, entitled

A bill to amend section 14 of an act entitled "The State Board of Education," or "The State Normal School," being chapter 193, as amended, of Howell's annotated statutes, being compiler's section 4976.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and referred to the committee on Education.

Mr. Shepherd, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 408, entitled

A bill to amend section 25, act No. 137, of the laws of 1849, relative to authorizing proceedings against garnishees and for other purposes, as amended, being section 8055 of Howell's annotated statutes of 1883 and 1890, as amended by act No. 178 of the laws of 1891.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Hall, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 409, entitled

A bill to provide for the licensing of and the giving of bonds by commission merchants.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and referred to the committee on Revision and Amendment of the Statutes.

Mr. Hall, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 410, entitled

A bill to provide for the adoption, distribution and maintenance of a uniform series of school text-books throughout the State of Michigan.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and referred to the committee on Education.

Mr. Collins, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 411, entitled

A bill to amend section 11 of chapter 23 of the charter of the city of Jackson, as amended by act No. 376 of the local acts of the State of Michigan for the year 1897.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and referred to the committee on City Corporations.

Mr. Collins, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 412, entitled

A bill to amend section 2 of act No. 70, of the public acts of 1877, entitled "An act for the more effectual prevention of cruelty to animals," approved April 25, 1877, being section 11740 of the compiled laws of 1897.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and referred to the committee on Revision and Amendment of the Statutes.

Mr. Collins, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 413, entitled

A bill to amend section 159 of the public acts of 1897, entitled "An act to revise and amend the laws for the protection of game," the same being section 5760 of the compiled laws of 1897.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and referred to the committee on Fisheries and Game.

Mr. Stewart, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 414, entitled

A bill authorizing the supervisors of Wayne county to hold a special meeting in February or March, in the year 1899, to consider and determine the necessity of borrowing money on the faith and credit of said county of Wayne, for the purpose of fully completing the court house of said county and furnishing the same throughout, and to provide for submitting the question of raising by loan, upon the bonds of said county, such sums of money as they may deem necessary therefor, not to exceed the sum of \$800,000, to the vote of the electors of said county, and, providing notice of such special meeting of said supervisors and the mode of submitting the question of said loan to the vote of the electors of said county.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Stewart,

The rules were suspended, two-thirds of all the members present voting therefor, and the bill was put upon its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Anderson	Mr. Handy	Mr. Randall
Babcock	Hart	Reed, G. W.
Brownell	Hatzenbuehler	Reed, W. A.
Bryan	Heck	Robinson
Burch	Heineman	Rulison
Burdick	Herrig	Schmidt
Caldwell	Howell	Scully
Chandler	Keep	Shepherd
Colby	Kelly	Shisler
Colvin	Kerr	Soper
Crosby	Kingott	Stewart
Dickinson	Locher	Stumpenhusen
Doyle	Lugers	Sutherland
Dudley	McCall	Taziman
Duff	McCallum	Van Camp
Eikhoff	McKay	Waterbury
Fleischhauer	McLean	Watters
Gillam	McLeod	Weier
Gillette	Mason	Wells
Goodell	Murdoch	Weter
Goodrich	Murphy	Whitney
Goodyear	Nash	Wing
Gordon	Nevins	Wood
Gustin	Niedermeier	Woodruff
Hall	Oberdorffer	Speaker
Hammond	Pearson	

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NAYS.

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Stewart,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

Mr. Shisler, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 415, entitled

A bill to provide for the purchase by the Board of State Auditors for the use of the State, the Holt-Seymour tally sheet, at a price not to exceed \$1,000.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and referred to the committee on State Affairs.

Mr. Shisler, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 416, entitled

A bill to prevent the lapsing, forfeiture and suspension of life insurance contracts for unavoidable causes.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and referred to the committee on Insurance.

Mr. Shisler, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 417, entitled

A bill to authorize and empower townships of this State to acquire, either by purchase or condemnation, gravel beds or pits, where said gravel is necessary for the improvements of public highways in said townships.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and referred to the committee on State Affairs.

Mr. Miller, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 418, entitled

A bill to detach certain lands from school district No. 4, fractional, of the townships of Evergreen, Sidney, Fairplains and Bushnell, in the county of Montcalm.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Education.

Mr. McLeod, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 419, entitled

A bill regulating the payment of wages of employes in certain cases.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Labor.

Mr. G. W. Reed, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 420, entitled

A bill to amend section 10 of chapter 2 of act No. 243 of the public acts of 1881, being compiler's section 1334 of Howell's annotated statutes, entitled "An act to revise and consolidate the laws relating to the establishing, opening, improvement and maintenance of highways and private roads, and the building, repairing and preservation of bridges in this State."

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

Mr. G. W. Reed, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 421, entitled

A bill to enforce the payment of the capitation or poll tax.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

Mr. Burch, unanimous consent being given, introduced
House bill No. 422, entitled

A bill to amend act No. 161 of the public acts of 1895, entitled "An act to require county treasurers to furnish transcripts and abstracts of records and fixing the fees to be paid therefor," as amended by act No. 21 of the laws of 1897.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on City Corporations.

Mr. Burch, unanimous consent being given, introduced
House bill No. 423, entitled

A bill to provide for the docketing of civil causes and proceedings in circuit courts, and to repeal compiler's sections 7016 and 7017, chapter 249, and sections 7551 and 7552, chapter 263, and section 8340, chapter 288, and section 8983, chapter 312 of Howell's annotated statutes of Michigan, Vol. 2, and all acts and parts of acts contravening the provisions of this act.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Hatzenbuehler, unanimous consent being given, introduced
House bill No. 424, entitled

A bill to amend section No. 22 of chapter 700 of "An act to provide a charter for the city of Detroit," and to repeal all acts and parts of acts in conflict therewith, approved June 7, 1883.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on City Corporations.

Mr. Scully, unanimous consent being given, introduced
House bill No. 425, entitled

A bill to provide for the levy and sale, upon execution, of certain property.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Gustin, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 426, entitled

A bill to amend section 2 of act No. 132 of the public acts of the year 1877, entitled "An act for the incorporation of associations for yachting, hunting, fishing, boating, rowing and other lawful sporting purposes," approved May 14, 1877, as amended by act No. 59 of the public acts of the year 1891, approved May 6, 1891.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Revision and Amendment of the Statutes.

Mr. Gustin, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 427, entitled

A bill to authorize the common council of the city of Alpena to construct or purchase, own and maintain a system of electric light works, and to provide means for constructing or purchasing, maintaining and managing the same.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on City Corporations.

Mr. McCallum, unanimous consent being given, introduced
House bill No. 428, entitled

A bill to amend sections 15 and 17 of chapter 55 of the compiled laws of 1871, entitled "The observance of the first day of the week, and the prevention and punishment of immorality," as respectively amended by section 15 of act No. 171 of the public acts of 1877, approved May 22, 1877, and section 17 of act No. 122 of the public acts of 1875, approved April 24, 1875, being sections 2029 and 2030, respectively, of Howell's annotated statutes, and to repeal section 15 of the same chapter, being section No. 2030 of Howell's annotated statutes.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Religious and Benevolent Societies.

Mr. Bryan, unanimous consent being given, introduced
House bill No. 429, entitled

A bill to provide for the assessment of property and the making and extending of the township tax rolls in the township of Springwells, in the county of Wayne, and the delivery of such township tax rolls to the township treasurer, and the collection of the taxes levied therein.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Local Taxation.

Mr. Bryan, unanimous consent being given, introduced
House bill No. 430, entitled

A bill to define the powers and duties of the township board of the township of Springwells, in the county of Wayne.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Towns and Counties.

Mr. Fleischhauer, unanimous consent being given, introduced
House bill No. 431, entitled

A bill to amend section 1 of act No. 78 of the public acts of the State of Michigan, for the year 1887, being an act entitled "An act to prevent persons from unlawfully using or wearing the badge of the Grand Army of the Republic in this State, or of the Loyal Legion of the United States," and being section 4859p of Howell's annotated statutes.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Fleischhauer, unanimous consent being given, introduced
House bill No. 432, entitled

A bill to provide for the exercise of the police power of the State over the affairs and business of corporations engaged in urban and suburban or surface street railway transportation by the Commissioner of Railroads, and define the powers and duties of said Commissioner of Railroads in reference thereto.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and referred to the committee on Railroads.

On motion of Mr. Fleischhauer 1,000 copies of the bill were ordered printed for the use of the committee.

Mr. Hammond, unanimous consent being given, introduced
House bill No. 433, entitled

A bill to prohibit persons from falsely representing themselves to be attorneys at law and to provide a penalty therefor.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Hammond, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 434, entitled

A bill to provide for the examination and licensing of conveyancers.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Heineman, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 435, entitled

A bill to regulate the civil service of cities.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and referred to the committee on City Corporations.

Mr. Heineman, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House joint resolution No. 436, entitled

Joint resolution to amend section 9 of article 14 of the constitution relative to internal improvement.

The joint resolution was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

Mr. Heineman, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 437, entitled

A bill to amend act 233 of the session laws of 1869, as amended, being an act entitled "An act relative to free schools in the city of Detroit," approved February 24, 1869, as amended by act 131, of the local acts of 1895, approved May 22, 1895.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Education.

Mr. Heineman, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 438, entitled

A bill to provide for the incorporation of associations for the aid and legal protection of women and children.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Heineman, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 439, entitled

A bill to provide for the presentation of bronze medals to the soldiers and sailors of Michigan who enlisted and served in the Spanish-American war, and in certain cases to the relatives of such soldiers and sailors who perished in said service.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Burfoot, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 440, entitled

A bill to establish three chairs in the medical department of the University of Michigan to teach the principles and practices of eclectic, physio-medicalism and healing without drugs.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Public Health.

Mr. Mason, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 441, entitled

A bill to provide for the placing of low water alarms and devices on stationary steam boilers, and prescribing a penalty for non-compliance with the same.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Revision and Amendment of the Statutes.

Mr. Soper, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 442, entitled

A bill to regulate the width of bridges, culverts and all artificial roadways over water courses in this State.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

Mr. Stumpfenhusen, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 443, entitled

A bill to amend section 35 of act No. 183 of the session laws of 1897, entitled "An act to provide for the appointment and to fix the term of office, duties and compensation of circuit court stenographers in the State

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to of Michigan."

the committee on Revision and Amendment of the Statutes.

Mr. Hart, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 444, entitled

A bill to prevent and punish deception in the manufacture and sale of oleomargarine, process butter, imitation butter or butterine.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on State Affairs.

Mr. Oberdorffer, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 445, entitled

A bill to provide for a township system of roads.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Oberdorffer,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Anderson, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 446, entitled

A bill making appropriations for the State Board of Fish Commissioners for the year ending June 30, 1900, and the year ending June 30, 1901.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Fisheries and Game.

Mr. Anderson, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 447, entitled

A bill relative to bonds and other obligations, with surety or sureties, and the acceptance as surety thereon, of companies qualified to act as such, and the release of such sureties, and the safe depositing of assets for which such surety may be liable, and to the charging by fiduciaries and in all actions and proceedings where parties are entitled to recover disbursements of the expense of procuring sureties, and authorizing the payment of the expense of procuring such surety on official bonds, by the State, county, municipality, city, village, township, school district or other municipality or public board or body for whose protection the same is furnished, providing for the payment of a specific tax by such companies, and repealing act 194 of the public acts of 1885, act 266 of the public acts of 1895, act 106 of the public acts of 1897, and all other laws in conflict therewith, or amendatory thereof.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Anderson, unanimous consent being given, introduced
House bill No. 448, entitled

A bill to amend section 2 of act No. 70 of the public acts of 1877, entitled "An act for the more effectual prevention of cruelty to animals," approved April 25, 1877, being section 9392 of Howell's annotated statutes, as amended by act No. 48 of the session laws of 1893, approved April 27, 1893.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

Mr. W. A. Reed, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 449, entitled

A bill to enable the board of health of the township of Napoleon, in the county of Jackson, to accept as a gift, hold and control the cemetery now owned and controlled by the Oak Grove Cemetery Association.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Colvin, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 450, entitled

A bill to provide for the drainage and reclamation of swamp lands along the Shiawassee river, in the county of Saginaw.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Drainage.

Mr. Brownell, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 451, entitled

A bill making an appropriation for the promoting of horticultural interests of the State and the editing and compiling of reports of the Michigan State Horticultural Society.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Horticulture.

Mr. Gillam, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 452, entitled

A bill to vacate the township of Beaver Lake, in Ogemaw county, and to incorporate its territory within the adjoining township of Foster, in the county of Ogemaw.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Towns and Counties.

Mr. Gillam, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 453, entitled

A bill to authorize the city of Tawas City to issue bonds for public improvements.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Gillam.

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Howell, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 454, entitled

A bill to prohibit hunting on the first day of the week.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on State Affairs.

Mr. Eikhoff, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 455, entitled

A bill to amend act number 360 of the local acts of the year 1871, entitled "An act to create a fire commissioner in the city of Detroit, approved March 18, 1871, and amended by act No. 264 of the local acts of 1877, approved May 23, 1877, and amended by act No. 427 of the local acts of the year 1897, approved May 7, 1897.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on City Corporations.

Mr. Eikhoff, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 456, entitled

A bill to promote the safety of life and property in cities where certain street railways exist, by providing that men who operate cars thereon shall be duly qualified, registered and licensed.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and referred to the committee on City Corporations.

Mr. Eikhoff, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 457, entitled

A bill to permit incorporated cities to raise revenues for municipal purposes, by taxing land values, exclusive of the improvements thereon.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and referred to the committee on City Corporations.

Mr. Eikhoff, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 458, entitled

A bill to prohibit the use of encasings and coverings upon articles intended for sale as food, within this State, more than one time, and providing punishment for any violation of this act.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and referred to the committee on Public Health.

Mr. Eikhoff, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 459, entitled

A bill to prohibit the use of encasings and coverings upon bakery products intended for sale within this State, more than one time, and providing punishment for any violation of this act.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Public Health.

Mr. Eikhoff, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 460, entitled

A bill to amend section 44 of chapter No. 2 of act No. 468, of the local acts of 1895, entitled "An act to amend and revise chapters 1 and 2 of an act entitled 'An act to provide a charter for the city of Detroit, and to repeal all acts and parts of acts in conflict therewith,' approved June 7, 1883.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and referred to the committee on Elections.

Mr. Shepherd, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 461, entitled

A bill to amend section 9 of act 111 of the public acts of 1889, entitled "An act to protect fish and to regulate fishing in the waters of this State, by providing close seasons for certain kinds of fish, by prohibiting the catching of fish in certain specified ways, by prohibiting the catching of fish of certain sizes and in certain waters and for certain purposes, by prohibiting the obstruction of the free passage of fish, and by prohibiting the sale of certain kinds of fish, and to protect persons engaged in fish culture, and to repeal inconsistent acts."

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and referred to the committee on Fisheries and Game.

Mr. Nevins, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 462, entitled

A bill to provide for a school text book board, and for the adoption and maintenance of a uniform series of text books, to be used in the public schools of the State of Michigan, together with free text books in certain districts, and to make an appropriation for carrying out the provisions of this act.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Education.

Mr. Nevins, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 463, entitled

A bill to amend section 3 of act No. 313 of the public acts of the State of Michigan for the year 1887, entitled "An act to provide for the taxation and regulation of the business of manufacturing, selling, keeping for sale, furnishing, giving or delivering spirituous and intoxicating and malt, brewed or fermented and vinous liquors in this State, and to repeal any acts or parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act."

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Liquor Traffic.

Mr. Pack, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 464, entitled

A bill to restrain the loaning of money upon chattel securities.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Heineman, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 465, entitled

A bill to amend section 47 of chapter 12 of an act entitled "An act to provide a charter for the city of Detroit, and to repeal all acts and parts of acts in conflict therewith," approved June 7, 1883, as amended by the several acts amendatory thereof, and to repeal all acts or parts of acts inconsistent herewith.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and referred to the committee on City Corporations.

THIRD READING OF BILLS.

House bill No. 89 (file No. 12), entitled

A bill to amend section 4 of act No. 129 of the public acts of 1883, entitled "An act for the organization of telephone and messenger service companies," approved May 31, 1883, the same being section 6691 of the compiled laws of 1897.

Was read a third time, and pending the taking of the vote on the passage thereof,

Mr. Oberdorffer moved to amend the bill by inserting in line 26, section 4, after the word "companies," the following:

Provided further, That whenever the owner of any lands which are not traversed by any railway objects to having any telephone company run its line of right of way across his lands at any point, then the said telephone company shall confine its line of right of way to established subdivision lines. Whenever the owner of any lands which are traversed by any railway shall object to having any telephone company run its line of right of way across his lands at any point, than the said telephone company shall confine its line of right of way to established subdivision lines or immediately adjoining and along the right of way of said railway.

Which motion prevailed, two-thirds of all the members present voting therefor.

The bill was then passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Alward	Mr. Handy	Mr. Nevins
Anderson	Hart	Oberdorffer
Babcock	Hatzenbuhler	Pack
Brownell	Heineman	Randall
Burdick	Herrig	Reed, W. A.
Burfoot	Howell	Robinson
Buskirk	Keep	Rulison
Collins	Kelly	Schmidt
Crosby	Kerr	Scully
Davis	Kingott	Shisler
Dickinson	Locher	Soper
Doyle	Lugers	Stewart
Dudley	Lusk	Stumpenhusen
Duff	McCall	Sutherland
Eikhoff	McCallum	Van Camp
Foster	McKay	Watters
Gillam	McLean	Weier
Gillette	McLeod	Weter
Goodrich	Mason	Whitney
Goodyear	Murdoch	Wing
Gordon	Murphy	Woodruff
Hall	Nash	Speaker
Hammond		

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. McCallum,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Dickinson offered the following:

Resolved by the House (the Senate concurring), That when the House adjourns Tuesday, February 21, it stand adjourned until Monday, February 27, at 9 o'clock p. m.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution,

Mr. Lusk offered the following substitute for the resolution:

Resolved, That when the House adjourns on Tuesday, February 21, it stand adjourned until Thursday, February 23, at 2 o'clock p. m., and that adjournment Tuesday night will close the period for the introduction of bills.

Which was not agreed to.

The question again being on the adoption of the resolution,

Mr. McKay moved that the resolution do lie on the table.

Which motion did not prevail.

The question again being on the adoption of the resolution,

Mr. McKay demanded the yeas and nays.

The demand was seconded.

Pending discussion,

Mr. Shepherd moved to reconsider the vote by which the House refused to agree to the substitute proposed by Mr. Lusk.

On which motion,

Mr. McKay demanded the yeas and nays.

The demand was seconded, and the motion to reconsider prevailed, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Alward
Anderson
Babcock
Brownell
Burdick
Burfoot
Buskirk
Caldwell
Chandler
Colby
Collins
Crosby
Davis
Dudley
Duff
Eikhoff
Fleischhauer
Foster
Gillam
Gillette
Goodell
Goodrich

Mr. Goodyear
Gordon
Hall
Hammond
Hart
Hatzenbuehler
Heck
Heineman
Hofmeister
Howell
Keep
Kerr
Kingott
Lugers
Lusk
McCall
McCallum
McKay
Mason
Murdoch
Nash

Mr. Nevins
Oberdorfer
Pearson
Randall
Reed, G. W.
Reed, W. A.
Robinson
Rulison
Shepherd
Shisler
Soper
Taziman
Van Camp
Waterbury
Watters
Weter
Whitney
Wing
Wood
Woodruff
Speaker

NAYS.

Mr. Burch
Stewart

Mr. Dickinson

Mr. Murphy

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The question being on agreeing to the substitute,
The same was agreed to.

The question then being on the adoption of the resolution as amended
by the substitute,

The resolution was adopted.

Mr. Hammond moved to take from the table, •

House bill No. 373, entitled

A bill to authorize the common council of the city of Pontiac to provide that all moneys collected in said city, under the provisions of act 198 of the session laws of 1877, as amended by act 179 of the session laws of 1895, in excess of the amounts required under the provisions of said act, to be paid to satisfy losses caused by the killing or injuring of sheep by dogs, may be used for the support and maintenance of a certain library in said city.

Which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Hammond,

The rules were suspended, two-thirds of all the members present voting therefor, and the bill was put upon its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Alward

Anderson

Babcock

Brownell

Burch

Burdick

Chandler

Colby

Collins

Crosby

Davis

Dickinson

Doyle

Dudley

Duff

Eikhoff

Fleischhauer

Foster

Gillam

Gillette

Goodrich

Goodyear

Gordon

Mr. Hammond

Handy

Hatzenbuhler

Heineman

Herrig

Keep

Kelly

Kerr

Kingott

Locher

Lugers

Lusk

McCall

McCallum

McKay

McLean

McLeod

Mason

Murdoch

Murphy

Nash

Oberdorffer

Mr. Pack

Pearson

Randall

Reed, G. W.

Reed, W. A.

Robinson

Rulison

Schmidt

Scully

Shisler

Soper

Stewart

Stumpfenhusen

Sutherland

Van Camp

Watters

Weier

Weter

Whitney

Wing

Woodruff

Speaker

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Hammond,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

Mr. Heineman offered the following:

Resolved, That when the House adjourns today, it stand adjourned until tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Which motion was adopted.

GENERAL ORDER.

On motion of Mr. Burdick,

The House went into committee of the whole, on the general order.

Whereupon the Speaker called Mr. Buskirk to the chair.

After some time spent therein, the committee rose, and through their chairman, made the following report:

The committee of the whole have had under consideration the following:

House joint resolution No. 72, (file No. 29), entitled

Joint resolution authorizing the issue of a patent for certain State swamp lands in Ogemaw county to Milton Adams.

Have made no amendments thereto, and have directed their chairman to report the same back to the House, and recommend its passage.

HENRY F. BUSKIRK.

Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

Pending the order that the joint resolution be placed on the order of third reading,

The rules were suspended, two-thirds of all the members present voting therefor, and the joint resolution was put upon its immediate passage.

The joint resolution was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Alward	Mr. Handy	Mr. Oberdorffer
Anderson	Hart	Pack
Babcock	Hatzenbuehler	Pearson
Brownell	Heck	Randall
Burch	Heineman	Reed, G. W.
Burdick	Herrig	Reed, W. A.
Burfoot	Howell	Robinson
Buskirk	Keep	Rullison
Chandler	Kelly	Schmidt
Colby	Kingott	Scully
Colvin	Locher	Shisler
Davis	Lugers	Soper
Doyle	Lusk	Stumpfenhusen
Dudley	McCall	Sutherland
Duff	McCallam	Taziman

Mr. Eikhoff
Fleischhauer
Foster
Gillam
Gillette
Goodrich
Goodyear
Gordon
Hammond

Mr. McKay
McLean
McLeod
Mason
Murdoch
Murphy
Nash
Nevins

Mr. Van Camp
Weier
Weter
Whitney
Wing
Wood
Woodruff
Speaker

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Title and preamble agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Gillam,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the joint resolution was ordered to take immediate effect.

Mr. Alward moved that the House adjourn.

Which motion prevailed, and

The Speaker declared the House adjourned until 10 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

{ REPRESENTATIVE HALL, LANSING,
Friday, February 17, 1899.

The House met pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Myers.

Roll called: quorum present.

Absent without leave: Messrs. Baumgaertner, Dickinson, Duff, Kelly, J. H. Read and Wayne.

On motion of Mr. Kerr,

Leave of absence was granted to all absentees.

On motion of Mr. Weter,

Leave of absence was granted to himself until Wednesday next.

On motion of Mr. Nevins,

Leave of absence was granted to all absentees.

The Speaker announced the following:

Hon. E. J. Adams, Speaker:

Sir—I hereby tender my resignation as a member of the Special Committee appointed to investigate the Detroit House of Correction.

Respectfully,

S. B. COLLINS.

The Speaker announced that the resignation of Mr. Collins would be accepted, and that Mr. Hatzenbuhler would be appointed to fill the vacancy on the committee occasioned thereby.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS.

No. 79. By Mr. McCallum: Petition of Geo. L. Shipman and 85 others, asking that the close season be abolished.

Referred to the committee on Fisheries and Game.

No. 80. By Mr. Gustin: Petition of Henry Dew and 40 others, residents of Oscoda county, relative to close season on deer in the lower peninsula.

Referred to the committee on Fisheries and Game.

No. 81. By Mr. Colvin: Petition of W. H. Hall and others, relative to expenditures of money on the highways in the township of Carrollton, in the county of Saginaw.

Referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

By the committee on City Corporations:

The committee on City Corporations, to whom was referred

House bill No. 199, entitled

A bill to legalize certain bonds issued by the city of Gladstone for the construction of water works.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

PETER HERRIG.

Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

Pending the order that the bill be printed, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order,

On motion of Mr. McCallum,

The rules were suspended, two-thirds of all the members present voting therefor, and the bill was put upon its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Alward	Mr. Hall	Mr. Pack
Anderson	Hammond	Pearson
Babcock	Hatzenbuehler	Randall
Bryan	Herrig	Reed, G. W.
Burch	Hofmeister	Reed, W. A.
Burdick	Howell	Robinson
Buskirk	Keep	Rullison
Caldwell	Kerr	Schmidt
Chandler	Kingott	Scully
Colby	Locher	Shisler
Colvin	Lugers	Soper
Davis	McCall	Stewart
Doyle	McCallum	Sutherland
Dudley	McKay	Van Camp
Eikhoff	McLean	Waterbury
Fleischhauer	McLeod	Watters
Foster	Mason	Weier
Gillette	Murdoch	Weter
Goodell	Murphy	Wheeler

Mr. Goodrich
Goodyear
Gordon
Gustin

Mr. Nash
Nevins
Niedermeier
Oberdorffer

Mr. Wing
Wood
Speaker

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. McCallum,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

By the committee on City Corporations:

The committee on City Corporations, to whom was referred

House bill No. 198, entitled

A bill to authorize the city of Gladstone, in the county of Delta, to raise money to redeem or refund bonds to the amount of \$35,000, issued for the construction of water works.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House with amendments thereto, recommending that the amendments be concurred in, and that the bill, when so amended, do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

PETER HERRIG,

Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The question being on concurring in the amendments made by the committee to the bill,

The House concurred.

Pending the order that the bill be printed, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order,

On motion of Mr. McCallum,

The rules were suspended, two-thirds of all the members present voting therefor, and the bill was put upon its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Alward
Anderson
Babcock
Bryan
Burch
Burdick
Buskirk
Caldwell
Chandler
Colby
Colvin
Davis
Doyle

Mr. Hammond
Herrig
Hofmeister
Howell
Keep
Kerr
Kingott
Locher
Lugers
McCall
McCallum
McKay
McLean

Mr. Pearson
Randall
Reed, G. W.
Reed, W. A.
Robinson
Rullison
Schmidt
Scully
Shisler
Soper
Stewart
Sutherland
Taziman

Mr. Dudley	Mr. McLeod	Mr. Van Camp
Eikhoff	Mason	Watters
Fleischhauer	Murdoch	Weier
Gillette	Murphy	Weter
Goodell	Nash	Wheeler
Goodrich	Nevins	Whitney
Goodyear	Niedermeier	Wing
Gordon	Oberdorffer	Wood
Gustin	Pack	Speaker
Hall		

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. McCallum,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

By the committee on Elections:

The committee on Elections, to whom was referred

House bill No. 114, entitled

A bill to provide for the election, at primary elections, by a direct vote of the members of the various political parties, of all candidates of such parties for election to any and all public offices the occupants of which now or hereafter shall be required by law to be elected at an April or November election, entirely by electors residing within Wayne county, which shall include all county, city, township, village and ward officers, circuit judges and judges of the recorder's court for the city of Detroit, members of Congress and of the State Legislature. And also for the election of delegates to political conventions and of members of committees of political parties, and to provide for regulating and protecting such primary elections and conventions and to punish offenses committed thereat and to repeal all acts or parts of acts conflicting with the provisions of this act.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House with amendments thereto, recommending that the amendments be concurred in, and that the bill when so amended do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

E. S. KEEP,

Acting Chairman

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The question being on concurring in the amendments made by the committee to the bill,

The House concurred.

Pending the order that the bill be printed, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order,

On motion of Mr. Colby,

The bill was laid on the table.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR.

The Speaker announced the following:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Lansing, February 16, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I have this day approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State,

House bill No. 156, being

An act to vacate the townships of Blaine, Grove, Ball and Center Plains, in the county of Crawford, and to incorporate the territory comprised therein with the townships of Maple Forest, South Branch, Beaver Creek and Grayling, in said county.

Respectfully,

H. S. PINGREE,
Governor.

The message was ordered spread on the Journal.

The Speaker also announced the following:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Lansing, February 16, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I have this day approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State,

House Bill No. 159, being

An act to detach certain territory from the city of West Bay City, in the county of Bay, and attach the same to the township of Bangor, in said county.

Respectfully,

H. S. PINGREE,
Governor.

The message was ordered spread on the Journal.

The Speaker also announced the following:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Lansing, February 16, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I have this day approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State,

House bill No. 155, being

An act to vacate the township of Wheatfield, in the county of Montmorency, Michigan, and to incorporate the territory comprised therein in the township of Vienna, in the county of Montmorency, Michigan.

Respectfully,

H. S. PINGREE,
Governor.

The message was ordered spread on the Journal.

The Speaker also announced the following:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Lansing, February 16, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I have this day approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State,

House bill No. 54, being

An act to revise the laws relating to the incorporation of the public schools of the city of Muskegon.

Respectfully,

H. S. PINGREE,
Governor.

The message was ordered spread on the Journal.

The Speaker also announced the following:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Lansing, February 16, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I have this day approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State,

House bill No. 32, being

An act to authorize and direct the Commissioner of the State Land Office of this State to issue a patent to James O. Ferguson and Cora A. Ferguson for the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of section 16, in township No. 3 south of range No. 4 west, confirming the title thereto in James O. Ferguson and Cora A. Ferguson.

Respectfully,

H. S. PINGREE,
Governor.

The message was ordered spread on the Journal.

NOTICES.

Mr. Anderson gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend sections 2, 3 and 8 of title 6 of act No. 374 of the local acts of the State of Michigan for the year 1897, entitled "An act to revise the charter of the city of Grand Rapids," approved March 25, 1897.

Mr. Anderson gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to provide a sinking fund for the payment of certain indebtedness of the city of Grand Rapids, and to provide for the care, custody and disposal of such fund.

Mr. Anderson gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend sections 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 13 of title 9 of act No. 374 of the local acts of the State of Michigan for the year 1897, entitled "An act to revise the charter of the city of Grand Rapids," approved March 25, 1897, and to add nine new sections to said title, from 46 to 54, inclusive.

Mr. Anderson gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill in relation to the cemeteries and parks in the city of Grand Rapids, to create a board of Cemetery and Park Commissioners in said city, to define their duties and fix their compensation, and to repeal title 11 of act No. 374 of the local acts of the State of Michigan for the year 1897, entitled "An act to revise the charter of the city of Grand Rapids," approved March 25, 1897.

Mr. Anderson gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend sections 1, 5, 6 and 9 of title No. 7 of act 374 of the local acts of the State of Michigan for the year 1897, entitled "An act to revise the charter of the city of Grand Rapids," approved March 25, 1897. and to add four new sections to said title, to stand as sections 16, 17, 18 and 19.

Mr. Anderson gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend sections 1, 6 and 7 of title No. 2 of act No. 374 of the local acts of the State of Michigan for the year 1897, entitled "An act to revise the charter of the city of Grand Rapids," approved March 25, 1897.

Mr. Anderson gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend section 31 of title 4 of act No. 374 of the local acts of the State of Michigan for the year 1897, entitled "An act to revise the charter of the city of Grand Rapids," approved March 25, 1897.

Mr. Scully gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill prescribing the manner in which the city of Ionia may be incorporated under, and be subject to, the provisions of act No. 215 of the public acts of 1895 of the State of Michigan, entitled "An act to provide for the incorporation of cities of the fourth class."

Mr. McCallum gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend the charter of the city of Gladstone.

Mr. Weter gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend section 2 of act No. 308 of the session laws of 1879, entitled "An act to incorporate the city of Mt. Clemens and repeal act No. 307 of the session laws of 1875, approved April 8, 1875," as amended by act No. 308 of the local acts of 1881.

Mr. McLean gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to provide for the retirement of aged and disabled firemen, and the payment of pensions to the wives and children of deceased firemen killed in the service of the city of Bay City.

Mr. Rulison gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend certain sections of the insurance laws.

Mr. Burch gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend an act entitled "An act to provide a charter for the city of Detroit, and to repeal all acts and parts of acts in conflict therewith," approved June 7, 1883, by adding a new section to stand as section 12 of chapter 13.

Mr. Howell gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend sections 274 and 282 of an act entitled "An act to amend and revise the charter of the city of Adrian," approved March 10, 1897.

Mr. Lugers gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to provide for the incorporation of reformed Protestant churches.

Mr. Soper gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to incorporate the village of Sunfield, in the county of Eaton.

Mr. Whitney gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend the charter of the village of Muskegon Heights.

Mr. Burch gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to authorize the purchase or condemnation of toll bridges by street or electric railways.

Mr. Stewart gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to provide for the assessment and levy of taxes upon the property of railroad companies, express companies, telegraph companies and telephone companies, and the collection thereof and the designation and election of a State Board of Assessors to make such assessment and levy, and defining the duties of such board.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

Mr. Hofmeister, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 466, entitled

A bill to provide for the support and maintenance of the Michigan College of Mines at Houghton, for the years 1899 and 1900, and for the purchase of additional lands for the said institution and for additional buildings therefor, and further equipment thereof, and making an appropriation therefor.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on College of Mines.

Mr. Burch, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 467, entitled

A bill relative to employment of convicts hereafter sentenced to imprisonment in this State.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and referred to the committee on Labor.

Mr. Burch, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 468, entitled

A bill to transfer to the city of Detroit the title to all the property of every name and nature now owned, operated and controlled under the powers, rights and privileges granted to said board of water commissioners by an act entitled "An act to amend the laws relative to supplying the city of Detroit with pure and wholesome water," approved February 14,

1883, and the acts amendatory thereto, and to give to said city of Detroit the possession, control and operation and management of said property, and to repeal all acts and parts of acts in conflict therewith.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on City Corporations.

Mr. Schmidt, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 469, entitled

A bill authorizing the reassessment of the local taxes in the county of Saginaw, included in the charged back lists of the Auditor General forwarded to the county treasurer of said county for the years 1891, 1892, 1893, 1894, 1895, 1896 and 1897.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and referred to the committee on General Taxation.

Mr. Burch, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 470, entitled

A bill to regulate the charges or tolls for the transmission and delivery of telegraphic messages between points within the State of Michigan.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and referred to the committee on Private Corporations.

Mr. Burch, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 471, entitled

A bill to authorize the city of Detroit to purchase a suitable site for and to erect a memorial hall and issue bonds to defray the cost thereof.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and referred to the committee on City Corporations.

Mr. Burch, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 472, entitled

A bill to authorize the city of Detroit to purchase a suitable site for and to erect a convention hall and to issue bonds to defray the cost thereof.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on City Corporations.

Mr. Locher, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 473, entitled

A bill to amend act No. 198 of the public acts of 1877, entitled "An act to provide for a tax upon dogs, and to create a fund for the payment of certain damages for sheep killed or wounded by them in certain cases," and the several acts amendatory thereto.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Locher,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Hatzenbuehler, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 474, entitled

A bill to amend section 1 of chapter 11 of an act entitled "An act to provide a charter for the city of Detroit, and to repeal all acts and parts of acts in conflict therewith," approved June 7, 1883.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on City Corporations.

Mr. Wheeler, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 475, entitled

A bill to amend section 8 of act No. 48 of the public acts of 1897, en-

titled "An act to provide for the encouragement of the manufacture of beet sugar and to provide a compensation therefor, and to make an appropriation therefor."

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on State Affairs.

Mr. Lugers, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 476, entitled

A bill to amend act No. 271 of the local acts of 1893, entitled "An act to reincorporate the city of Holland."

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Lugers,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Whitney, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 477, entitled

A bill to authorize the sale of lands in sections, 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 14, 15, 16, 21, 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 33, 34 and 35, in township 12 north of range 16 west, in the county of Muskegon, acquired by the State under the provisions of section 127 of act No. 206 of the public acts of 1893, as amended by section 127 of the public acts of 1895.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Fisheries and Game.

Mr. Whitney, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 478, entitled

A bill to amend section 2 of act No. 122 of the public acts of 1877, as amended by act No. 59 of the public acts of 1891, relative to the incorporation of associations for yachting, hunting, boating, fishing, rowing and other lawful sporting purposes, and to add seven new sections to said act to stand as sections Nos. 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Fisheries and Game.

Mr. Crosby, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 479, entitled

A bill to amend act No. 183 of the public acts of 1897, entitled "An act to provide for the appointment and to fix the term of office, duties and compensation of circuit court stenographers in the State of Michigan," by adding a new section thereto to be known as section 54, providing for the appointment and compensation of a stenographer for the 36th judicial circuit.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Crosby,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Crosby, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 480, entitled

A bill relative to suits for damages for libel or slander and to repeal act No. 216 of the session laws of 1895, entitled "An act regulating the bringing of actions for and limiting damages for libel and slander in respect to feelings, and providing for separate awards by juries in such actions."

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee.

On motion of Mr. Crosby,
The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Crosby, unanimous consent being given, introduced
House bill No. 481, entitled

A bill relative to and providing for the publication in newspapers of all election notices, proceedings of township boards, village ordinances and proceedings of village boards or councils.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Crosby,
The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Crosby, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 482, entitled

A bill relative to the publication of chattel mortgage sales in newspapers.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Crosby,
The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Crosby, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 483, entitled

A bill to amend sections No. 6, 8, 9 and 94 of act No. 53 of the session laws of 1859, entitled "An act to incorporate the city of Battle Creek," approved February 3, 1859, as revised and amended by the several acts revisionary and amendatory thereof, approved April 9, 1887, and as amended by act No. 384 of the session laws of 1889, approved May 9, 1889, and as amended by act No. 331 of the session laws of 1891, approved May 22, 1891, and as amended by act No. 312 of the session laws of 1893, approved March 22, 1893, and as amended by act No. 418 of the session laws of 1895, approved May 17, 1895, and as amended by act No. 317 of the session laws of 1897, approved March 24, 1897, and to add one new section thereto, to be known as section No. 39.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Crosby,
The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Crosby, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 484, entitled

A bill to amend section No. 75 of act No. 53 of the session laws of 1859, entitled "An act to incorporate the city of Battle Creek," approved February 3, 1859, as revised and amended by the several acts revisionary and amendatory thereof, approved April 9, 1887, and as amended by act No. 384 of the session laws of 1889, approved May 9, 1889, and as amended by act No. 331 of the session laws of 1891, approved May 22, 1891, and as amended by act No. 312 of the session laws of 1893, approved March 22, 1893, and as amended by act No. 418 of the session laws of 1895, approved May 17, 1895, and as amended by act No. 371 of the session laws of 1897, approved March 24, 1897, and to add one new section thereto to be known as section No. 98.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on City Corporations.

Mr. Crosby, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 485, entitled

A bill to detach Calhoun county from the 5th judicial circuit, and to reorganize the 5th judicial circuit and to create the 36th judicial circuit.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Crosby,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Crosby, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 486, entitled

A bill to regulate the practice of horseshoeing in the State of Michigan.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Labor.

Mr. Burdick, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 487, entitled

A bill to confer the provisions of act No. 186 of the public acts of 1891 upon the township of Elk Rapids, Antrim county, and the township board thereof.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Towns and Counties.

Mr. Murdoch, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 488, entitled

A bill to amend section 2 of act 277 of the public acts of 1897, entitled "An act to define the limits of Wild Fowl bay, and to prohibit the fishing with nets within such limits."

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Fisheries and Game.

Mr. McLean, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 489, entitled

A bill to provide salaries of the circuit court commissioners of Bay county.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Towns and Counties.

Mr. McLean, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 490, entitled

A bill designating the number of persons composing the board of county road commissioners of Bay county, the method of electing them, and making the clerk of Bay county the clerk of said board, at a compensation to be determined by them, and making the prosecuting attorney their legal counsel and advisor.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Towns and Counties.

Mr. Wood, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House joint resolution No. 491, entitled

Joint resolution directing the Board of State Auditors to examine into, and if they see fit to adjust and allow, certain claims against the State of Michigan.

The joint resolution was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on State Affairs.

Mr. Taziman, unanimous consent being given, introduced
House bill No. 492, entitled

A bill to amend act No. 254 of the public acts of 1897, entitled "An act to provide for the construction and maintenance of drains, and the assessment and collection of taxes therefor, and to repeal all other acts relative thereto."

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Taziman,
The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Colvin, unanimous consent being given, introduced
House bill No. 493, entitled

A bill to authorize the township of Carrollton, in the county of Saginaw, to borrow money on its faith and credit, and to use the same in the construction of a stone road on the highway known as the Carrollton road, in said township, from the point where the said Carrollton road intersects the main line of the Flint and Pere Marquette railroad, thence northerly along said highway to the south line of the township of Zilwaukee, and to empower said township to issue its bonds for the money so borrowed.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Local Taxation.

Mr. Goodrich, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 494, entitled

A bill to amend sections 3 and 38 of chapter 7, section 6 of chapter 12, section 3 of chapter 24, sections 1 and 5 of chapter 28, sections 9, 14 and 16 of chapter 30, sections 5 and 15 of chapter 31, entire chapter 25, and adding a new section to stand as section 11 of chapter 28 of act No. 215 of the session laws of 1895, being an act to provide for the incorporation of cities of the fourth class, as amended by act No. 239 of the session laws of 1897.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on City Corporations.

On motion of Mr. Goodrich,

The bill was ordered printed for the use of the committee.

Mr. McKay, unanimous consent being given, introduced
House bill No. 495, entitled

A bill to amend section 8 of act No. 185 of the session laws of 1867, entitled "An act to prevent animals from running at large in the public highways," being section 5612 of the compiled laws of 1897.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

Mr. Robinson, unanimous consent being given, introduced
House bill No. 496, entitled

A bill to amend section 1 of act No. 264 of the public acts of 1889, being an act relative to disorderly persons, approved July 5, 1889.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Bryan, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 497, entitled

A bill to facilitate the construction and maintenance of sidewalks in road district No. 1 in the township of Ecorse, Wayne county, Michigan.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Bryan,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Bryan, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 498, entitled

A bill to provide a salary for the justices of the peace in the city of Wyandotte.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Bryan,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Hall, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 499, entitled

A bill to control the action of operators of traction engines upon public highways, and prohibit the blowing of engine whistles in front of dwelling houses.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

Mr. Hall, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 500, entitled

A bill to limit the amount of money to be drawn annually from the State treasury to meet the expenses of the several departments of the State government, including State boards, commissioners, etc.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Hall,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Howell, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 501, entitled

A bill to provide for the care and treatment of the insane.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Public Health.

Mr. Howell, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 502, entitled

A bill for the incorporation of charitable societies.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Religious and Benevolent Societies.

Mr. Rulison, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 503, entitled

A bill to provide for the construction and maintenance of a county road running from Houghton village through the townships of Portage, Adams and Laird, to the Ontonagon county line.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Rulison,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Goodyear, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 504, entitled

A bill to amend act No. 243 of the public acts of 1881, entitled "An act

to revise and consolidate the laws relating to the establishment, opening and improvement and maintenance of highways and private roads, and the building, repairing and preservation of bridges within this State."

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Goodyear,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Nevins, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 505, entitled

A bill to repeal act No. 153 of the public acts of the State of Michigan for the year 1897.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Oberdorffer, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 506, entitled

A bill to amend act No. 145 of the public acts of 1893, entitled "An act to revise and consolidate the laws relative to the establishment, opening, improvement and maintenance of highways and private roads, and the building, repairing and preservation of bridges within this State."

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Oberdorffer,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Gray, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 507, entitled

A bill to enable the city of Ludington, in Mason county and State of Michigan, to borrow not to exceed one hundred and fifteen thousand dollars for water works purposes.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Gray,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Stewart, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 508, entitled

A bill to amend chapter 7 of an act entitled "An act to provide a charter for the city of Detroit, and to repeal all acts and parts of acts in conflict therewith," approved June 7, 1883, and the acts amendatory thereto, with reference to the common council, its organization, powers and duties.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Stewart,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Stewart, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 509, entitled

A bill to amend chapter 5 of an act entitled "An act to provide a charter for the city of Detroit, and to repeal all acts and parts of acts in conflict therewith," approved June 7, 1883, and the acts amendatory thereto, with reference to municipal officers, their rights, powers and duties.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Stewart,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Stewart, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 510, entitled

A bill to amend chapter 4 of an act entitled "An act to provide a charter for the city of Detroit, and to repeal all acts and parts of acts in conflict therewith," approved June 7, 1883, and the acts amendatory thereto, with reference to municipal officers, their election, qualifications, terms, bonds and removals.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Stewart,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Stewart, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 511, entitled

A bill to amend chapter 11 of an act entitled "An act to provide a charter for the city of Detroit, and to repeal all acts and parts of acts in conflict therewith," approved June 7, 1883, and the acts amendatory thereto, with reference to taxation and finance.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Stewart,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Stewart, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 512, entitled

A bill to amend chapter 8 of an act entitled "An act to provide a charter for the city of Detroit, and to repeal all acts and parts of acts in conflict therewith," approved June 7, 1883, and the acts amendatory thereto, with reference to the estimates, the duties of the comptroller, and the powers of the common council and board of estimates relative to said estimates.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Stewart,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Stewart, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 513, entitled

A bill to amend chapter 10 of an act entitled "An act to provide a charter for the city of Detroit, and to repeal all acts and parts of acts in conflict therewith," approved June 7, 1883, and the acts amendatory thereto, with reference to the assessment and collection of taxes.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Stewart,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Stewart, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 514, entitled

A bill to amend chapter 15 of an act entitled "An act to provide a charter for the city of Detroit, and to repeal all acts and parts of acts in conflict therewith," approved June 7, 1883, and the acts amendatory thereto, with reference to the Board of Public Works.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Stewart,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Chandler, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 515, entitled

A bill to provide for the examination, regulation, licensing and registration of physicians and surgeons, and to repeal all acts and parts of acts in conflict therewith.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Public Health.

On motion of Mr. Chandler,

One thousand copies of the bill were ordered printed for the use of the committee.

Mr. Chandler, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 516, entitled

A bill providing for additional buildings at the asylum for the insane located at Newberry, in the upper peninsula of Michigan, known as the "Upper Peninsula Hospital for the Insane," for the furnishing and equipment of said buildings, and further furnishing and equipment of said asylum, and for cattle, horses, fencing, clearing, fruit trees, shrubbery, extension of sewer and cement walks for said asylum and making an appropriation therefor.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Upper Peninsula Asylum for Insane.

Mr. Gustin, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 517, entitled

A bill to amend act No. 186 of the public acts of 1897, entitled "An act defining the limits of the judicial circuits of the State of Michigan."

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Gustin,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Gustin, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 518, entitled

A bill to create the office of State Statistician and to define his powers and duties and provide a compensation therefor.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on State Affairs.

Mr. Weier, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 519, entitled

A bill for an act to amend section 2 of chapter 179 of the compiled laws of 1871, being compiler's section 7093 of Howell's annotated statutes.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

Mr. W. A. Reed, unanimous consent being given, introduced
House bill No. 520, entitled

A bill for the protection of fish in Swaynes lake, in the township of Pulaski, in the county of Jackson.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Fisheries and Game.

Mr. Hammond, unanimous consent being given, introduced
House bill No. 521, entitled

A bill to authorize the board of trustees of the Eastern Michigan Asylum to purchase lands for the use and benefit of said asylum, and make payment for the same, out of moneys in the hands of the treasurer of said asylum.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Eastern Asylum for Insane.

Mr. Davis, unanimous consent being given, introduced
House bill No. 522, entitled

A bill to prevent the inhumane, reckless and unnecessary wounding and maiming of wild fowl and game birds.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Fisheries and Game.

Mr. Waterbury, unanimous consent being given, introduced
House bill No. 523, entitled

A bill to amend section 1 of act No. 156 of the public acts of 1891, approved June 24, 1891, entitled "An act to regulate the interest of money on account, interest on money, judgments, verdicts, etc."

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Bryan, unanimous consent being given, introduced
House bill No. 524, entitled

A bill to amend an act entitled "An act to regulate the granting of poor relief to, and the admission of certain poor persons to asylums and almshouses, and to provide for the expense of the temporary care and transportation of such persons," being act 178 of the public acts of 1897.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on State Affairs.

Mr. Bryan, unanimous consent being given, introduced
House bill No. 525, entitled

A bill to regulate the charging of the expense of the maintenance of insane persons who have been inmates of asylums in the State, as State or county charges, and are recommitted as public charges to any asylum.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on State Affairs.

Mr. Pearson, unanimous consent being given, introduced
House bill No. 526, entitled

A bill to provide for discovery in actions or proceedings commenced in any of the courts of record of this State, to provide for the examination of parties thereto, of persons for whose benefit such actions or proceedings are prosecuted or defended, of assignors of such parties, and to compel the production by them of books, papers and documents under their control.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Wheeler, unanimous consent being given, introduced
House bill No. 527, entitled

A bill to amend section 1 of act No. 249 of the session laws of 1897, entitled "An act to provide for the appointment of township, city and village commissioners for the destruction of noxious weeds."

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on State Affairs.

Mr. Colby, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 528, entitled

A bill to amend section 48 of chapter 7 of an act entitled "An act to provide a charter for the city of Detroit, and to repeal all acts and parts of acts in conflict therewith," approved June 7, 1883.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on City Corporations.

Mr. Nevins, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 529, entitled

A bill to provide for the licensing and registration of persons desiring to drink intoxicating liquors as a beverage.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Geological Survey.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Goodell moved to take from the table,

House bill No. 114 (file No. 16), entitled

A bill to provide for the election, at primary elections, by a direct vote of the members of the various political parties, of all candidates of such parties for election to any and all public offices the occupants of which now are or hereafter shall be required, by law, to be elected at an April or November election, entirely by electors residing within Wayne county, which shall include all county, city, township, village and ward officers, circuit judges and judges of the recorder's court for the city of Detroit, members of Congress and of the State Legislature. And also for the election of delegates to political conventions and members of committees of political parties, and to provide for regulating and protecting such primary elections and conventions and to punish offenses committed thereat and to repeal all acts or parts of acts conflicting with the provisions of this act.

On which motion,

Mr. Colby demanded the yeas and nays.

The demand was not seconded.

The motion then prevailed.

Mr. Bryan moved that the bill be made the special order for 3 o'clock, February 21st.

Which motion did not prevail, two-thirds of all the members present not voting therefor.

On motion of Mr. Goodell,

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

Mr. Stewart moved to take from the table,

House bill No. 299, entitled

A bill to provide for the incorporation of churches, societies and con-

gregations of Baptists, and to provide for the re-incorporation of such churches and societies under the provisions of this act.

Which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Stewart,

The bill was referred to the committee on Religious and Benevolent Societies.

Mr. Pack offered the following:

Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Michigan (the Senate concurring), That the Senators and Representatives of the State of Michigan in the National Congress be requested to favor and assist in securing a fair and liberal service pension to every Union soldier veteran of the civil war not already a pensioner, regardless of any disability accruing from said service or since, whenever said soldier shall have arrived at the age of sixty-two years.

Laid over one day under the rules.

Mr. Nevins offered the following:

Whereas, In former years drawbridges have been required by law to be maintained at New Richmond, in this State, over the Kalamazoo river, a navigable stream; and

Whereas, It is stated upon good authority that the Chicago and West Michigan Railway Company has closed the drawbridge heretofore established by law, thereby preventing vessels from going either up or down said stream; and

Whereas, It is stated that such action is unlawful and unjust, inasmuch as said township of Manlius is compelled to maintain a public highway drawbridge over said river at the same place, beside and parallel with said closed railway bridge; and

Whereas, The citizens in said locality and vessel owners upon said river have been and are protesting against such unlawful obstruction and bar to the free water navigation of said river; therefore be it

Resolved, That the committee on Federal Relations be instructed to investigate the matter and report the full facts to the House, with recommendation as to what action should be taken to secure the opening of said railway drawbridge, or its elevation sufficiently to admit of the free navigation of said river.

Mr. Buskirk offered the following substitute for the resolution:

Resolved, That the House take as the basis of its findings the report of the Senate committee on Federal Relations made to the Senate January 25, 1899; that the House concurs in and fully endorses that report.

Which was agreed to.

The resolution as amended by the substitute was then adopted.

On motion of Mr. Buskirk,

The Clerk was instructed to forward to Hon. A. L. Hamilton, member of Congress, and to the Secretary of War, copies of the resolutions just adopted.

Mr. Gustin offered the following:

Resolved, That when the House adjourns today it stand adjourned until 9 o'clock p. m. Monday, February 20.

Mr. Herrig moved to amend the resolution by making the hour 4 o'clock p. m.

Mr. Buskirk moved to amend the amendment by making the hour 8 o'clock p. m.

Pending which,

Mr. Dudley moved that the House take a recess until 2 o'clock this afternoon.

Which motion did not prevail.

The question being on the proposed amendment to the amendment,

Mr. Burdick moved that the House adjourn.

Which motion did not prevail.

The question again being on the motion to amend the amendment to the resolution,

Mr. Dudley moved that the House take a recess until 2 o'clock this afternoon.

Which motion did not prevail.

The question being on the motion to amend the amendment,

The motion did not prevail.

The question being on amending the resolution by making the hour 4 o'clock instead of 9 o'clock p. m.,

The motion prevailed.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution as amended,

The resolution was then adopted.

Mr. Dudley moved that the House adjourn,

Which motion prevailed, and

The Speaker declared the House adjourned until 4 o'clock p. m., on Monday next.

{ REPRESENTATIVE HALL, LANSING,

{ Monday, February 20, 1899.

The House met pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Seasholes.

Roll called: quorum present.

Absent without leave: Messrs. Bryan, Caldwell, Dickinson, Dingley, Doyle, Hall, Hart, Keep, Lagers, McLeod, Murphy, Niedermeier, Pearson, G. W. Reed, Robinson, Shepherd and Woodruff.

On motion of Mr. Burdick

Leave of absence was granted to all absentees for the day.

BILLS PRESENTED TO THE GOVERNOR.

By the Clerk:

I have to report that I have this day enrolled, compared and presented to the Governor,

House bill No. 40, entitled

An act for the protection of fish in the lakes known as Eagle lake, in the townships of Bloomingdale and Cheshire, in the counties of Van Buren and Allegan, and the lakes known as Pugsley's lake and Four-mile lake, in the township of Paw Paw, in the county of Van Buren, for a period of ten years.

In accordance with the rules and order of the House: the receipt for the same being dated 2:57 o'clock p. m., February 18, 1899.

LEWIS M. MILLER,
Clerk of the House.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS.

No. 82. By Mr. Anderson: Petition of George R. Perry, mayor of Grand Rapids, and 3,041 others, for the passage of the Heineman bill for the protection of bicycle paths and sidepaths.

Referred to the committee on Towns and Counties.

No. 83. By Mr. Gillam: Petition of Albert Schroeder and 33 others, asking for the passage of a law to prohibit the killing of deer for a term of five years in a certain part of this State.

Referred to the committee on Fisheries and Game.

No. 84. By Mr. Burdick. Petition of C. L. Mizer and 34 others, asking for the passage of the bill providing for fish chutes in the dams of Bear River and for open season for bass fishing in Bear lake, in Charlevoix county.

Referred to the committee on Fisheries and Game.

No. 85. By Mr. Burdick: Petition of township board of Elk Rapids, asking that certain privileges be granted to their township.

Referred to the committee on Towns and Counties.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM STATE OFFICERS.

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Lansing, Feb. 17, 1899.

To the Honorable House of Representatives:

I am in receipt of a copy of a resolution of the House, adopted on the 26th day of January last, requesting the Attorney General to give an opinion as to the legal right of the legislature to order a constitutional convention, on the strength of a vote cast at the last general election on the revision of the constitution.

Article XX., section 2 of the constitution of the State of Michigan, provides as follows:

"At the general election to be held in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty-six, and in each sixteenth year thereafter, and also at such other times as the legislature may by law provide, the question of the general revision of the constitution shall be submitted to the electors qualified to vote for members of the legislature, and in case a majority of the electors so qualified, voting at such election, shall decide in favor of a convention for such purpose, the legislature at the next session shall provide by law for the election of such delegates to such convention. All the amendments shall take effect at the commencement of the year after their adoption."

The general election on November 8, 1898, was the third held under the sixteen-year clause since the adoption of the constitution of 1850. At this election there was cast for the office of Governor 421,164 votes. This was the maximum vote on State officers, and indicates the number of prima facie qualified voters voting at the election.

On the question of the revision of the constitution, there were only 289,270 of these electors who voted, 162,123 casting their votes in favor of a revision, and 127,147 against it.

From these figures, it appears that a majority of the electors who voted on the question of revision, voted in its favor,—but there was not an affirmative vote equal to a majority of the qualified electors voting at the election.

The question as to whether the vote stated was sufficient to authorize the legislature to now call a constitutional convention, depends upon the construction to be placed upon the words “majority of the electors, * * * * * voting at such election,” to be found in the section of the constitution above quoted.

Do these words mean a majority of the electors voting upon the single proposition of constitutional revision, or a majority of the electors who participated in the election generally?

In searching for precedents, which might be of aid in the consideration of this question, I find that at the general election of 1866, when the question of revision of the constitution was first submitted under the sixteen-year clause, 164,454 votes were cast for governor, 79,505 for revision of the constitution, and 28,623 against, and the situation as respects majorities was precisely the same as at the election of 1898.

The legislature of 1867, assumed that the preliminary vote was sufficient, and proceeded to call a constitutional convention, which met and promulgated a new constitution for submission to the people.

So far as I have been able to ascertain, the authority of the legislature of 1867, to act in calling the convention for that year was not questioned. In January of 1866, a case had been decided by the Wisconsin supreme court (*Gillespie vs. Palmer*, 40 Wis. 574), holding that the words “Approved by a majority of all the votes cast at such election,” in a statute requiring submission of a proposition to the electors at a general election, meant a majority voting upon the proposition submitted, and not a majority of those participating in the election generally. This case strongly and positively affirmed this proposition and may have been accepted as authority in 1867, and may have aided to bring about a general acquiescence in the action of the legislature, so that the legality of their action was not brought to the test in the Michigan courts.

But this case of *Gillespie vs. Palmer* has been repudiated as an authority by our Michigan supreme court, and also by the later decisions of the Wisconsin court, and it is not now recognized as good law.

In the case of *Stebbins vs. Judge of the Superior Court of Grand Rapids*, 108 Mich. 693, decided by our supreme court, it was held, that under a charter providing for an issue of bonds, “when the qualified electors of the city, voting in their respective wards, shall have authorized the issuing of said bonds by a majority of their votes, cast at any regular election,” a majority of all votes cast at the election, and not merely a majority of those cast on bonding the city, is essential to authorize the issuance of bonds. In this case, our supreme court refuses to follow the Wisconsin decision, referred to, and carefully analyzes the leading case, involving the construction of constitutional as well as statutory provisions of similar import; and it has taken the stand positively and unequivocally in line with what seems to be the weightiest authorities, that the words “majority voting at the election,” mean a

majority of the voters participating and voting at the election, and not a majority voting on any single proposition.

I have no hesitation in saying that our Michigan supreme court has so strongly committed itself to this construction, that I do not think there is the least possibility of their giving any other construction to the constitutional provision under discussion than that the majority intended by this section is a majority, not of those voting on the proposition of revision, but of those participating as voters in the general election.

And in this connection a comparison between the provisions of this section of the constitution and the section immediately preceding, adds force to the proposition. Article XX, Section 1, is as follows in substance:

"Any amendment to this constitution may be proposed in the Senate or House of Representatives, * * * * and if a majority of electors qualified to vote for members of the legislature, voting thereon, shall ratify and approve such amendment or amendments, the same shall become part of the constitution."

The difference in the language between the two sections is significant. An amendment is adopted by receiving a majority of the electors voting thereon; a revision requires a majority voting at the general election at which the proposition for revision is submitted. An amendment may be carried by a very small total vote. But to start the machinery for constitutional revision, the framers of the constitution of 1850 intended, unless their use of language was very inapt and bungling, that a full and complete majority of the electors participating in a general election should record their votes in its favor.

Having considered the meaning of the words "majority of the electors voting at such election," the question arises whether this provision is mandatory or directory. In this connection, I would state that constitutional provisions are most generally construed as mandatory. I find some exceptions, however, and I would cite the instance of the adoption of the constitution of Delaware in 1852.

The Delaware constitution of 1831, contained this clause: "No convention shall be called by authority of the people; and an unexceptionable way of making their sense known will be for them to vote by ballot on the third Tuesday of May in any year, for or against the convention; and if a majority of all the citizens of the state having a right to vote for representatives vote for a convention, the next general assembly shall call one; the majority of all the citizens of the state having a right to vote for representatives to be ascertained by comparing the number of votes cast for a convention with the highest number of votes cast at either of the preceding general elections." At the election held for the purpose of voting upon this question, according to the rule laid down in the constitution, there was not a majority of votes for the convention,—though there was a majority of all the votes cast. When the convention met, therefore, the legitimacy of the call was denied by some, on the ground that the unexceptionable way pointed out in the constitution was the only legal way that could be pursued. By those sustaining the legitimacy of the body on the other hand, it was contended that the clause of the constitution was not peremptory, but recommendatory, and of that opinion was the convention.

- Jameson, the author of the standard work on constitutional convention, in citing this instance, states that he is inclined to concur with the view taken by the convention.

This is, in my judgment, strong authority, but the supreme court of our State has expressed such positive views against holding plain and unequivocal provisions of a constitution to be merely directory, that I do not believe they would accept the opinion of Mr. Jameson as authority. In the oleomargarine case (*People vs. Dettenthaler*, 77 N. W., 450), our supreme court practically adopts the following language as expressed in the law of this State:

"But the courts tread upon very dangerous ground when they venture to apply the rules which distinguish directory and mandatory statutes to the provisions of a constitution. Constitutions do not usually undertake to prescribe mere rules of proceeding, except when such rules are looked upon as essential to the thing to be done, and they must then be regarded in the light of limitations upon the power to be exercised. It is the province of the instrument of this solemn and permanent character to establish these fundamental maximums, and fix those unvarying rules by which all departments of the government must at all times shape their conduct; and if it descends to prescribing mere rules of order in unessential matter, it is lowering the proper dignity of such an instrument, and usurping the proper province of ordinary legislation. We are not therefore to expect to find in a constitution provisions which the people in adopting it have not regarded as of high importance, and worthy to be embraced in an instrument which for time, at least, is to control alike the government and the governed, and to form a standard by which is to be measured the power which can be exercised as well by the delegate as by the sovereign people themselves. If directions are given respecting the times or modes of proceeding in which a power should be exercised, there is at least a strong presumption that the people designed it should be exercised in that time and mode only; and we impute to the people a want of due appreciation of the purpose and proper province of such an instrument when we infer that such directions are given to any other end,—especially when, as has already been said, it is but fair to presume that the people in their constitution have expressed themselves in careful and measured terms, corresponding with the immense importance of the powers delegated and with a view to leave as little as possible to implication."

From the position taken by our supreme court, I believe they would hold that the provision of our constitution requiring a "majority vote of the electors voting at the election," at which the proposition for revision is submitted, is mandatory.

The next question that arises is whether the plain, unambiguous and mandatory provisions of the section under discussion operate to restrict the people and the Legislature from taking any other initiative toward revising the constitution than that prescribed by the existing constitution.

There are some precedents that favor the proposition. The Indiana constitution of 1816 empowered the Legislature to call a convention every twelfth year thereafter. The power was not pursued, but a convention was called independently of it in 1850, and resulted in the creation of a new constitution.

In Michigan in 1873, a constitutional commission was provided for by a joint resolution of the Legislature. A constitution was promulgated by this body, but failed of ratification. Judge Campbell, in his *Political History of Michigan*, ascribes its failure largely to the popular doubt existing as to right of the Legislature to bring about a constitutional revision in such a manner.

The inherent right of a Legislature to set in motion the machinery for a constitutional revision exists only where the existing constitution is silent as to the means to be pursued to effect a revision. The expression of the means and methods to be employed operate as a restriction, and the rule *expressio unius est exclusio* is applicable.

Judge Cooley, page 31 of the original edition of his work on Constitutional limitations, expresses the law on this question in words of authority which I cannot gainsay. He uses the following language in discussing the general powers of the people to revise or amend their constitution.

"But the will of the people to this end can only be expressed in the legitimate modes by which such a body politic can act, and which must either be prescribed by the constitution whose revision or amendment is sought, or by an act of the legislative department of the State, which alone would be authorized to speak for the people upon this subject, and to point out a mode for the expression of their will in the absence of any provision for amendment or revision contained in the constitution itself."

My judgment is that the only safe rule to follow is for the Legislature to construe the provision of the constitution under discussion in the same way that our supreme court has construed similar language in statutes; and further I think the Legislature is bound to regard the provision as mandatory and as excluding any other method of procedure.

I do not believe it would be wise or politic for the Legislature to call a constitutional convention, unless the constitutional pre-requisites to the making of the call have been fulfilled, and this, even though these prerequisites, through popular indifference, are almost impossible of being complied with. It would be much better for the Legislature to submit to the people an amendment of Article XX, Section 2, putting the adoption of the proposition to revise the constitution on the same basis as the adoption of amendments to the constitution and await the favorable action of the voters, rather than to deliberately and openly violate the fundamental and organic law of the State as expressed in the present constitution.

Finally, to summarize my views thus at length expressed, upon the subject submitted, I would state to the Legislature that my opinion on the question asked, is as follows:

First, Article XX, Section 2, of the constitution must be construed as requiring that before the Legislature can proceed to call a constitutional convention, there must have been cast in favor of constitutional revision a vote equal to a majority of the voters participating or voting at the election at which the proposition for revision is submitted. The requisite majority was not received at the general election of 1898;

Second, Article XX, Section 2, is mandatory in its provisions in respect to the requirement of the popular majority which the section clearly requires;

Third, As long as Article XX, Section 2, stands as it does, the people and the Legislature of the State of Michigan are bound to follow the provisions there laid down in order to secure a constitutional revision.

Respectfully submitted,

HORACE M. OREN,

Attorney General.

The communication was ordered spread on the Journal.

On motion of Mr. Eikhoff,

The communication was referred to the committee on Judiciary.

NOTICES.

Mr. Goodyear gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to enlarge the district boundaries of the public schools of the village of Gaines, Genesee county.

Mr. Goodyear gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to authorize the prosecuting attorney of Genesee county to appoint an assistant prosecuting attorney, and prescribing his duties, powers and compensation.

Mr. Handy gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to incorporate the city of Crystal Falls, in Iron county.

Mr. Handy gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to provide for the election of the board of education in the school district of the township of Crystal Falls, Iron county, in July.

Mr. Handy gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to vacate the township of Mastodon, in the county of Iron, and to incorporate its territory within the township of Crystal Falls.

Mr. McCallum gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to authorize the board of education of the city of Escanaba, county of Delta, and State of Michigan, to borrow money and issue bonds in the sum of fifteen thousand dollars, to be used in the erection of a school building in the city and in the purchase of a site therefor.

Mr. Wheeler gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to prohibit public officers from soliciting or accepting passes, favors or free transportation from any railroad company, street railroad company, steamboat or transportation company or any other corporation engaged in carrying passengers.

Mr. Wheeler gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to require railroad companies to weigh grain and agricultural products upon the request of shippers, and give certificates of the same.

Mr. Wheeler gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to establish and confirm the jurisdiction of probate courts over testamentary trusts and trustees, and to provide for the administration and control of such trusts in said courts.

Mr. Wheeler gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to provide for the submission to the qualified electors of the township of Lyons, in the county of Oakland, in the State of Michigan, the question of the relief of Adelbert Smith, treasurer of the township of Lyons, in said county, from liability on account of the loss of township funds occasioned through the failure of Josiah E. Just & Co. bank, in the village of Lyons, Oakland county.

Mr. Wheeler gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend subdivision 9 of section 9 of article 2 of act No. 198 of the public acts of 1873, entitled "An act to revise the laws providing for the incorporation of railroad companies, and to fix and regulate the running and management, and to fix the duties and liabilities of all railroad and other corporations owning and operating any railroads in this State."

Mr. Fleischhauer gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill organizing a new school district in Sherman township, Osceola county.

Mr. J. H. Read gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to enable the city of Manistee, in Manistee county, Michigan, to borrow and issue the bonds of the said city therefor not to exceed \$200,000 for water works purposes.

Mr. Burfoot gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend act No. 374 of the local acts of the State of Michigan for the year 1897, entitled "An act to revise the charter of the city of Grand Rapids," approved March 25, 1897, by adding a new section No. 49 to title 5 to govern the granting of franchises.

Mr. Chandler gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to detach certain territory from the townships of Rudyard, Peckford and Daffie and to organize the township of Kinross.

Mr. Chandler gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend and alter sections 9 and 14 of act 39 of 1883 as amended and altered by act 93 of 1887.

Mr. Chandler gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to abolish the township of Holmes, Mackinac county, and to incorporate the city of Mackinac Island.

Mr. Chandler gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to merge the township of Holmes, Mackinac county, into the village of Mackinac.

Mr. Foster gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill imposing a specific tax upon corporations and all associations and joint stock companies, having any of the powers or privileges of corporations not possessed by individuals or partnerships, engaged in the business of mining, smelting and refining ores, or the mining and production of coal or the production and manufacturing of salt in this State.

Mr. Watters gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend section 5 of act No. 152 of the public acts of 1883, entitled "An act to provide for the taxation of persons, co-partnerships, associations, car loaning companies, corporations and fast freight lines engaged in the business of running cars over any of the railroads of this State and not being exclusively the property of any railroad company paying taxes on their gross receipts," being section 1236e of Howell's annotated statutes.

Mr. Chandler (for Mr. Shepherd) gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to organize the union school district of the township of Burt, in the county of Cheboygan.

Mr. Chandler (for Mr. Shepherd) gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend the charter of the city of Cheboygan.

Mr. Chandler (for Mr. Shepherd) gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to disorganize fractional school district No. 6 of the township of Burt, in the county of Cheboygan, and attach its territory to the districts adjoining thereto.

Mr. Cheever gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend section 44 of chapter 11 of an act entitled "An act to provide a charter for the city of Detroit, to repeal all acts and parts of acts in conflict therewith," approved June 7, 1883, as amended by act 476 of the session laws of 1897.

Mr. Cheever gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend section 7 of chapter 11 of an act entitled "An act to provide a charter for the city of Detroit, and to repeal all acts and parts of acts in conflict therewith," approved June 7, 1883.

Mr. Cheever gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to authorize the city of Detroit to establish and maintain a riverside park.

Mr. Cheever gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to authorize the city of Detroit to raise money for the erection of school houses, engine houses and police stations, by issuing bonds therefor.

Mr. Chamberlain (for Mr. Wells) gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend sections 1, 2 and 3 of chapter 12 of act No. 215 of the public acts of 1895, entitled "An act to provide for the incorporation of cities of the fourth class."

Mr. Gillam gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend section 1 of act 142 of the public acts of 1889, entitled "An act to provide for the reorganization of corporations for mining, smelting and manufacturing iron, copper, silver, mineral coal and other ores or minerals, the term of existence of which has heretofore expired, or may hereafter expire, by limitation, and to fix the duties and liabilities of such renewed corporation."

Mr. Gordon gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to provide for the reincorporation of electric railroads whose lines are not contained within the incorporated limits of cities or villages, under the provisions of the general law for the incorporation of railroad companies.

Mr. Wood gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to incorporate the city of Ithaca, and to repeal act No 356 of the local acts of the year 1878, entitled "An act to incorporate the village of Ithaca, Gratiot county," approved February 22, 1887.

Mr. Kerr gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend sections No. 6, 19, 23, 24 and 33 of act No. 50 of the public acts of 1887, as amended by act No. 269 of the public acts of 1895, being an act entitled "An act to provide for the incorporation and regulation of certain corporations generally known as building and loan associations," and by adding one new section thereto, to be known as section No. 34.

Mr. Kerr gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend act No. 50 of the public acts of 1887, entitled "An act to provide for the incorporation and regulation of certain corporations generally known as building and loan associations," as amended, by adding thereto one new section to be known as section No. 34.

Mr. Stewart gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend section 7 of chapter 12 of an act entitled "An act to provide a charter for the city of Detroit, and to repeal all acts and parts of acts in conflict therewith," approved June 7, 1883, as amended by the several acts amendatory thereof, and to repeal all acts or parts of acts inconsistent herewith.

Mr. Stewart gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to abolish the office of building inspectors of the city of Detroit, and place same in office of fire department.

Mr. Stewart gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill supplemental to the charter of the city of Detroit, providing for the election of a vice mayor of the city of Detroit, and defining his powers and duties.

Mr. Stewart gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend the charter of the city of Detroit.

Mr. Stewart gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to prohibit the common council of the city of Detroit from granting or extending rights to operate street railways in the city of Detroit until within one year of existing grants.

Mr. Stewart gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend the charter of the city of Detroit and provide for the issue of bonds for the purpose of constructing a new bridge to Belle Isle Park, and the reclamation of what is known as the middle ground southerly of said park.

Mr. Kingott gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend sections 1, 5, 27 and 42 of act No. 29 of the public acts of 1869, and as amended by subsequent act, and being compiler's section 1494, 1498, 1520 and 1535 of Howell's annotated statutes, entitled "An act to regulate the manufacture and provide for the inspection of salt," and to repeal all acts contravening the provisions of this bill.

Mr. Gustin gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend section 19 of act No. 249, local act of 1871, as amended, entitled "An act to incorporate the city of Alpena and to add a new section to stand as section 96."

Mr. Gustin gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend section No. 249, local act No. 1871, being entitled "An act to incorporate the city of Alpena."

Mr. Gustin gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend sections 1 to 95, inclusive, of act No. 249 of local acts of 1871, entitled "An act to incorporate the city of Alpena."

Mr. Moore gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to provide for the joint construction on the parts of the townships of Casco and Columbus, in the county of St. Clair, of a bridge over Belle river in said county of St. Clair.

Mr. Moore gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to detach certain territory in the townships of China, East China, and St. Clair, in the county of St. Clair, from fractional Union School District No. 1 of the city of St. Clair in said county of St. Clair, so as to make the boundaries of the Union School District of said city of St. Clair coincide with the boundaries of the city of St. Clair.

Mr. Gray gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to prevent trusts, monopolies and combinations of capital, skill or acts to create or carry out restriction in trade or commerce, or to limit or reduce the production, or to increase or reduce the price of merchandise or any commodity, or to prevent competition in the manufacture, sale or purchase of merchandise, produce, or any commodity, or to fix at any standard or figure whereby its price to the public or consumer shall be in any manner controlled or established, any article or commodity of

merchandise, produce or commerce intended for sale, barter, use or consumption.

Mr. McLean gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend section 4 of act No. 448 of the local acts of 1897, entitled "An act to revise and amend act No. 346 of the local acts of 1881, entitled 'An act to revise an act to incorporate the city of Bay City,'" approved March 30, 1881, as amended and revised by the several acts amendatory and revisionary thereof.

Mr. McLean gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to provide for the retiring and pensioning of policemen and police officers in the city of Bay City after a continuous service of twenty-five years.

Mr. McLean gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend section 106 and section 166 of act No. 448 of the local acts of 1897, entitled "An act to revise and amend act No. 346 of the local acts of 1881, entitled 'An act to revise an act to incorporate the city of Bay City,'" approved March 30, 1881, as amended and revised by the several acts amendatory and revisionary thereof.

Mr. McLean gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

An act to authorize the common council of Bay City to borrow money with which to pay certain water works bonds heretofore issued.

Mr. Gillette gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend section 1 of act No. 145 of the public acts of 1887, entitled "An act to regulate the use of steam engines, steam wagons or other vehicles, which are in whole or in part operated by steam, on the public highways of this State, and to prohibit the blowing of steam whistles upon the public highways of this State."

Mr. Gillette gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to consolidate school district No. 18 fractional, of the city and township of Niles, in the county of Berrien, and State of Michigan, with graded school district No. 1 of said city and township.

Mr. Gray gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill relative to the issue of stocks and bonds by railroad and other corporations.

Mr. Weier gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend section 1 of act No. 151 of the public acts of the State of Michigan for the year 1897, entitled "An act to regulate the catching of fish in the waters of the State by the use of pound or trap nets, gill nets, seines and other apparatus.

Mr. Weier gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to provide for the collection and settlement of delinquent taxes assessed prior to the year 1896.

Mr. Weier gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend the general tax law.

Mr. Weier gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to provide for the payment of justices of the peace in Monroe City.

Mr. Weier gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend section 11 of chapter No. 26 of act No. 215 of the public acts of the State of Michigan for the year 1895, entitled "An act to provide for the incorporation of cities of the fourth class."

Mr. Weier gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend section 8 of chapter 27 of act No. 215 of the public acts of the State of Michigan for the year 1895, entitled "An act to provide for the incorporation of cities of the fourth class."

Mr. Anderson gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend and revise the charter of the city of Grand Rapids, being act No. 374 of the local acts of the State of Michigan for the year 1897, approved March 25, 1897.

Mr. Anderson gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend sections 8 and 14 of title 10 of act No. 374 of the local acts of the State of Michigan for the year 1897, entitled "An act to revise the charter of the city of Grand Rapids," approved March 25, 1897, and to add one new section thereto to stand as section No. 32.

Mr. Burch gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to transfer to the city of Detroit the title to all the property of every name and nature now owned, operated and controlled by the board of water commissioners of the city of Detroit, under the powers, rights and privileges granted said board of water commissioners by an act entitled "An act to amend the laws relative to supplying the city of Detroit with pure and wholesome water," approved February 14, 1853, and the acts amendatory thereto, and to give to said city of Detroit the possession, control and operation and management of said property, and to repeal all acts and parts of acts in conflict therewith.

Mr. Burch gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend an act approved June 2, 1897, entitled "An act to amend section 10 of chapter 10 of an act entitled 'An act to provide a charter for the city of Detroit and to repeal all acts and parts of acts in conflict therewith,' approved June 7, 1883.

Mr. Burch gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend section 38 of an act entitled "An act to provide a charter for the city of Detroit," the same being section 3, chapter 4 of the charter of 1893, by providing for an inspector of electric light meters.

Mr. Kingott gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to allow the village of Capac, in the county of St. Clair and State of Michigan, to borrow money and issue bonds, in the sum of twelve per cent of the assessed valuation of said village as shown by the last preceding tax roll, to be used exclusively for the purpose of purchasing, constructing and maintaining water works as provided for in act No. 3 of the session laws of 1895.

Mr. Eikhoff gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend the charter of the city of Detroit.

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A bill to regulate the carrying of passengers by all railway companies, corporations, co-partners or individuals.

Mr. Eikhoff gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to provide for public notice of proposed charter changes and the method by which the city of Detroit may alter or amend its charter.

Mr. Eikhoff gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill relating to street railway franchises in the city of Detroit.

Mr. Whitney gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to authorize the Auditor General to sell State tax lands within the city of North Muskegon, and other lands located in said city and bid to the State for unpaid taxes, and now held by the State as State tax bids at less than the total of taxes, interest and other charges against said lands and apportion the losses sustained thereby.

Mr. Whitney gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend act No. 466 of the local acts of 1895, being an act to incorporate the city of North Muskegon and to detach and attach certain territory and repeal act No. 215 of the local acts of 1891 by adding ten new sections thereto.

Mr. Whitney gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to require street railway companies operating electric cars, cable or other cars propelled by steam, cable or electricity, within the county of Muskegon, to protect certain of their employes from the inclemency of the weather during certain months of the year.

Mr. Whitney gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend an act entitled "An act to provide for the incorporation of villages within the State of Michigan and defining their powers and duties."

Mr. McLeod gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend section 3 of an act entitled "An act to establish a police court for the city of Detroit," approved June 9, 1895.

Mr. McLeod gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to authorize the common council of the city of Detroit to fix maximum rates of fare for passengers and freight on all street railway lines in the city of Detroit, and to make such other regulations relative to the running of cars as may be deemed necessary for the convenience and welfare of the public.

Mr. McLeod gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to authorize the city of Detroit to construct, acquire, maintain and operate street railways.

Mr. McLeod gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to annex the village of Highland Park to the city of Detroit and to create an additional ward in said city.

Mr. McLeod gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend sections 1, 7, 8, 9, 10, 47 and 48 of chapter 12 of an act entitled "An act to provide a charter for the city of Detroit and to repeal all acts and parts of acts in conflict therewith," approved May 27, 1893.

Mr. Crosby gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend act No. 206 of the session laws of 1893, entitled "An act to provide for the assessment of property, and the levy (and collection) of taxes thereon, and for the collection of taxes heretofore and hereafter levied; making such taxes a lien on the lands taxed, establishing and continuing such lien, providing for the sale and conveyance of lands delinquent for taxes, and for the inspection and disposition of lands bid off to the State and not redeemed or purchased, and to repeal act No. 200 of the public acts of 1891 and all other acts and parts of acts in anywise contravening any of the provisions of this act." approved June 1, 1893, as amended by acts No. 25, 154, 162 and 229 of the public acts of 1895 and acts No. 206, 214, 224, 225, 229, 240 and 261 of the public acts of 1897, by adding 17 new sections thereto to stand as sections 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159 and 160.

Mr. Crosby gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend act No. 129 of the public acts of 1893, entitled "An act for the organization of telephone and messenger service companies," approved May 30, 1883, by adding two new sections thereto, to be known as sections 9 and 10.

Mr. Crosby gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend and revise the charter of the city of Battle Creek.

Mr. Pack gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend the charter of the city of Three Rivers.

Mr. Duff gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to repeal section 12 of act No. 30 of the session laws of the State of Michigan, A. D. 1891.

Mr. Duff gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to provide for the election of an extra circuit court judge for the 31st judicial circuit of Michigan.

Mr. McLean gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to provide salary of the circuit court commissioners of Bay county.

Mr. Waterbury gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend section 7 of chapter 7 of act No. 3 of the public acts of 1895, entitled "An act to provide for the incorporation of villages within the State of Michigan, and define their powers and duties," approved February 19, 1895.

Mr. McLeod gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to change the power of the city of Detroit with respect to street railroads in said city and in the vicinity thereof.

Mr. Collins gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to revise and amend the charter of the city of Jackson.

Mr. Hatzenbuehler gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to authorize the city of Detroit to grant terminal facilities over existing tracks in said city to any street railway company hereafter organized to construct and operate street railway lines in said city.

Mr. Wheeler gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to provide for the issue and sale of an interchangeable and redeemable system of mileage books by all persons, companies or corporations operating steam railroads in the State of Michigan.

Mr. Dickinson gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend section 4 of an act entitled "An act to establish and provide justices' courts in the city of Detroit, and to repeal act No. 280 of the local acts of 1883, entitled 'An act relative to justices' courts in the city of Detroit,' approved April 25, 1883, and all acts amendatory thereof," approved June 1, 1895.

Mr. McLeod gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend section 3 of an act entitled "An act to establish a police court for the city of Detroit," approved June 9, 1885, so as to provide for the appointment of police court clerks and assistant clerks by the controller of the city of Detroit.

Mr. Colby gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend sections 1, 3, 4, 5, and 11 of act No. 460 of the local acts of 1895, entitled "An act to establish and provide justices' courts in the city of Detroit, and to repeal act No. 280 of the local acts of 1883, entitled 'An act relative to justices' courts in the city of Detroit,'

approved April 25, 1883,' and all acts amendatory thereof," and to add two additional sections thereto to stand as sections 14 and 15.

Mr. Colby gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to repeal all of act No. 29 of the public acts of 1869, and as amended by subsequent act, and being compiler's sections 1494 to 1536, inclusive, of Howell's annotated statutes, entitled "An act to regulate the manufacture and provide for the inspection of salt."

Mr. Colby gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend sections 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 40 of chapter 11 of an act entitled "An act to provide a charter for the city of Detroit, and to repeal all acts and parts of acts in conflict therewith," approved June 7, 1883, as since amended, and to add two additional sections thereto to stand as sections 46 and 47, and to repeal all acts or parts of acts contravening the provisions of this act.

Mr. Colby gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to repeal section 28 of an act entitled "An act to amend the laws relative to supplying the city of Detroit with pure and wholesome water," approved February 14, 1853, being act No. 90 of the acts of 1853, as amended by the various acts amendatory thereof.

Mr. Colby gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend sections 1, 3, 4, 5, and 11 of act No. 460 of the local acts of 1895, entitled "An act to establish and provide justices' courts in the city of Detroit, and to repeal act No. 280 of the local acts of 1883, entitled 'An act relative to justices' courts in the city of Detroit,' approved April 25, 1883, and all acts amendatory thereof."

Mr. Colby gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend sections 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10, and 16 of act No. 389 of the local acts of 1895, entitled "An act to provide for a law department for the city of Detroit, to abolish the offices of city counselor and city attorney, and to repeal act No. 419 of the local acts of 1893, entitled 'An act supplemental to the charter of the city of Detroit, and to provide for a law department in said city,' approved June 1, 1893."

Mr. Colby gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend sections 1, 2 and 3 of chapter 4 of the charter of the city of Detroit, as amended, the same being compiler's sections 36, 37 and 38 of the revised charter of 1893.

Mr. Colby gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend sections 1, 2 and 3 of chapter 15 of the charter of the city of Detroit, as amended, the same being compiler's sections 309, 310 and 311 of the compiled charter of 1893.

Mr. Colby gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend the charter of the city of Detroit by adding two additional chapters thereto, to stand as chapters 34 and 35.

Mr. Colby gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend the charter of the city of Detroit by adding two additional chapters thereto, to be known as chapters 32 and 33.

Mr. Colby gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend and revise each and every section of an act approved June 4, 1895, entitled "An act to amend and revise chapters 1 and 2 of an act entitled 'An act to provide a charter for the city of Detroit,' and to repeal all acts and parts of acts in conflict therewith," approved June 7, 1883.

Mr. Colby gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend sections 3, 5, 11, 21 and 22 of act No. 161 of the public acts of 1885, entitled "An act to establish the police court of the city of Detroit," approved June 9, 1895, as amended, the same being compiler's sections 6591f, 6591f2, 6591f8, 6591g8 and 6591g9 of Howell's annotated statutes, Vol. 3, as amended.

Mr. Colby gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend act No. 460 of the local acts of 1895, entitled "An act to repeal act No. 280 of the local acts of 1883, entitled 'An act relative to justices' courts in the city of Detroit,' approved April 25, 1883, and all acts amendatory thereof," by adding thereto a new section to stand as section 15.

Mr. Colby gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend act No. 460 of the local acts of 1895, entitled "An act to establish and provide justices' courts for the city of Detroit, and to repeal act No. 280 of the local acts of 1883, entitled 'An act relative to justices' courts in the city of Detroit,' approved April 25, 1883, and all acts amendatory thereof," by adding thereto a new section to stand as section 14.

Mr. Colby gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 10, of act No. 408 of the local acts of 1893, as amended, entitled "An act to amend sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 14, 18, 22, 47 and 48 of chapter 12, of an act entitled 'An act to provide a charter for the city of Detroit and to repeal all acts and parts of acts in conflict therewith,' approved June 7, 1883, as amended by the several acts amendatory thereof and to repeal all acts or parts of acts inconsistent therewith."

Mr. Heineman gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend chapter 20 of the charter of the city of Detroit.

Mr. Heineman gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend chapter 19 of the charter of the city of Detroit.

Mr. Heineman gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend chapter 29 of the charter of the city of Detroit,

Mr. Heineman gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend section 2 of act 10 of the public acts of 1895, entitled "An act to establish a board of health for the city of Detroit."

Mr. Heineman gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend chapter 21 of the charter of the city of Detroit.

Mr. Heineman gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend chapter 7 of the charter of the city of Detroit by adding a section thereto.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

Mr. Chandler, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House joint resolution No. 530, entitled

Joint resolution proposing an amendment to section 2 of article 20 of the constitution of this State, relative to submitting the question of the general revision of the constitution to the qualified electors of the State of Michigan.

The joint resolution was read a first and second time by its title and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Kelly, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 531, entitled

A bill to amend act No. 63 of the public acts of 1885, entitled "An act to establish a State board of fish commissioners and to repeal act No. 124, session laws of 1873, act No. 71, session laws of 1875, and act No. 3, session laws of 1882," the same being sections 2148a, 2148b, 2148c, 2148d, 2148e, 2148f and 2148g of Howell's annotated statutes, volume 3.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Kelly,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Chamberlain, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 532, entitled

A bill to amend section 2 of act No. 137 of the public acts of 1849, entitled "An act to authorize proceedings against garnishees and for other purposes," the same being section 8032 of Howell's annotated statutes.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Chamberlain,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Chamberlain, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 533, entitled

A bill to authorize the fixing and payment of a stated salary by boards of supervisors to justices of the peace in the cities, villages and townships of this State, in lieu of all fees, and to repeal all acts or parts of acts contravening the provisions of this act.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Chamberlain,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Chamberlain, unanimous consent being given, introduced House bill No. 534, entitled

A bill to provide for making the president of the village of Ontonagon, in the county of Ontonagon, a member ex officio of the board of supervisors of said county.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Towns and Counties.

Mr. Chamberlain, unanimous consent being given, introduced House bill No. 535, entitled

A bill to amend sections 1, 2, 7 and 10 of act No. 70 of the public acts of the State of Michigan for the year 1881, entitled "An act to authorize the formation of electric light companies," being sections 4182, 4183, 4188 and 4191 of Howell's annotated statutes of this State.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Private Corporations.

Mr. Chamberlain, unanimous consent being given, introduced House bill No. 536, entitled

A bill to authorize the township board of the township of Rockland, in Ontonagon county, to borrow money, to be used in building a bridge across Ontonagon river, in said township, and to build and repair a township highway from the village of Rockland, in said township, to the Victoria mine in said township, and to issue bonds therefor.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and referred to the committee on Local Taxation.

Mr. Dudley, unanimous consent being given, introduced House bill No. 537, entitled

A bill to provide for the appointment of a commission to negotiate with the Michigan Central Railroad Company to ascertain and report upon what terms said Michigan Central Railroad Company will surrender its charter to the State, and reincorporate under the general railroad laws of the State of Michigan.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Railroads.

Mr. Dudley, unanimous consent being given, introduced House bill No. 538, entitled

A bill to amend section 3 of chapter 130 of the revised statutes of 1846, entitled "Of the foreclosure of mortgages by advertisement," being section 11135 of the compiled laws of 1897.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Dudley, unanimous consent being given, introduced House bill No. 539, entitled

A bill to authorize the village of Fremont, in the county of Newaygo, State of Michigan, to borrow money to construct public buildings and make public improvements in said village.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Local Taxation.

Mr. Dingley, unanimous consent being given, introduced House bill No. 540, entitled

A bill to prevent the charging of excessive tolls for the transportation of freight and passengers by railroads and other common carriers in the

State of Michigan; to prevent unjust discrimination; to provide for the punishment of violations of this act; to provide for collecting fines imposed under this act, and to repeal all prior acts inconsistent with this act.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Railroads.

Mr. Carton, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 541, entitled

A bill to provide for the incorporation of law library associations.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Carton, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 542, entitled

A bill to provide for the maintenance of the Michigan State Normal College.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Normal Schools.

Mr. McCallum, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 543, entitled

A bill to amend the charter of the city of Gladstone in the county of Delta.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. McCallum,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. McCallum, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 544, entitled

A bill to detach certain territory from the counties of Marquette, Menominee and Alger and annex the same to the county of Delta.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. McCallum,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. McCallum, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 545, entitled

A bill to amend the title to and sections 10, 11, 18, 19, 21, 22, 23, 24, 29 and 30 of act No. 206 of the public acts of 1893, as amended, entitled "An act to provide for the assessment of property and the levy and collection of taxes thereon, and for the collection of taxes heretofore and hereafter levied; making such taxes a lien on the lands taxed, establishing and continuing such lien, providing for the sale and conveyance of lands delinquent for taxes, and for the inspection and disposition of lands bid off to the State and not redeemed or purchased; and to repeal act No. 200 of the public acts of 1891, and all other acts and parts of acts in anywise contravening any of the provisions of this act," and to add thereto 38 new sections to be known as sections 17a, 17b, 17c, 17d, 17e, 17f, 17g, 17h, 17i, 17j, 17k, 17l, 17m, 17n, 17o, 17p, 17q, 17r, 17s, 17t, 17u, 17v, 17w, 17x, 17y, 17z, 17a1, 17a2, 18a, 18b, 22a, 23a, 23b, 23c, 23d, 23e, 118a and 144, and to repeal all acts or parts of acts in anywise contravening the provisions of this act.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. McCallum,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. McCallum, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 546, entitled

A bill to regulate the practice in the circuit courts of this State upon motions or requests, to direct the verdict or demurrers to the evidence by defendants.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

Mr. McCallum, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 547, entitled

A bill to detach certain territory from the county of Menominee and annex the same to the county of Delta.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Towns and Counties.

Mr. McLean, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 548, entitled

A bill to amend sections 4 and 5 of act No. 48 of the public acts of 1897, being an act entitled "An act to provide for the encouragement of the manufacture of beet sugar and to provide a compensation therefor, and to make an appropriation therefor.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on State Affairs.

Mr. McLean, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 549, entitled

A bill to amend section 1 of act No. 179 of the public acts of 1891, as amended by act No. 91 of the public acts of 1893, and act 143 of the public acts of 1897.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Revision and Amendment of the Statutes.

Mr. McLean, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 550, entitled

A bill to amend section 1 of act No. 204 of the local acts of 1883, State of Michigan, approved February 21, 1883, entitled "An act to incorporate the village of Essexville."

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Village Corporations.

Mr. Wood, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 551, entitled

A bill to amend section 1 of chapter 2, sections 2, 3 and 4 of chapter 4, sections 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 of chapter 5, and section 1 of chapter 6 of act No. 254 of the laws of 1897, entitled "An act to provide for the construction and maintenance of drains and the assessment and levy of taxes therefor, and to repeal all other laws relative thereto."

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Wood,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Cheever, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 552, entitled

A bill making appropriations for the State Industrial Home for Girls

for the six months ending June 30, 1899, and the fiscal years ending June 30, 1900 and June 30, 1901, and to provide for a tax to meet the same.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Industrial Home for Girls.

Mr. Watters, unanimous consent being given, introduced
House bill No. 553, entitled

A bill to amend sections 1 and 2 of act No. 137 of the public acts of 1885, entitled "An act making ten hours a legal day's work," being sections 1997a5 and 1997a6 of Howell's annotated statutes.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Labor.

Mr. Gordon, unanimous consent being given, introduced
House bill No. 554, entitled

A bill to amend sections 1 and 5 of act No. 137 of the public acts of 1885, entitled "An act making ten hours a legal day's work," being sections 1997a5 and 1997a9 of Howell's annotated statutes.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Labor.

Mr. Gordon, unanimous consent being given, introduced
House bill No. 555, entitled

A bill to repeal act No. 419 of the local acts of 1895, entitled "An act to exempt the county of Marquette from the provisions of act No. 149, session laws of 1893, entitled 'An act to provide for a county and township system of roads and to prescribe the powers and duties of the officers having charge thereof.'"

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Towns and Counties.

Mr. Gordon, unanimous consent being given, introduced
House bill No. 556, entitled

A bill to provide for the exchange of business between express companies doing business within this State.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Private Corporations.

Mr. Gordon, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 557, entitled

A bill to regulate the rates which may be charged by telegraph companies for the transmission of messages.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Private Corporations.

Mr. Gordon, unanimous consent being given, introduced
House bill No. 558, entitled

A bill to amend section 31 of the public acts of 1893, entitled "An act to revise and consolidate the laws relative to the State prison, to the State House of Correction and branch of the State Prison in the Upper Peninsula, and to the House of Correction and Reformatory at Ionia, and the government and discipline thereof, and to repeal all acts inconsistent therewith," being compiler's section 2110 of the compiled laws of 1897.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on State Affairs.

Mr. Gordon, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 559, entitled

A bill to amend sections 3 and 8 of act No. 268 of the public acts of 1897, entitled "An act to regulate and license the use of firearms in hunting for and killing deer, protected by the laws of this State, and providing a penalty for its violation," and to insert a section therein to stand as section 12a.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Fisheries and Game.

Mr. Aldrich, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 560, entitled

A bill to repeal sections 5 and 6 of chapter 32 of the revised statutes of 1846, the same being compiler's sections 4871 and 4872 of the compiled laws of 1897.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Revision and Amendment of the Statutes.

Mr. Aldrich, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 561, entitled

A bill to provide for the giving of notice to makers of promissory notes by the holders thereof, of the dates on which such paper will become due.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Revision and Amendment of the Statutes.

Mr. Aldrich, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 562, entitled

A bill to prescribe the duties and regulate the proceedings of political conventions, and to provide a penalty for the violations thereof.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Elections.

Mr. Aldrich, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 563, entitled

A bill to provide for the assessment, levy and collection of an income tax.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Aldrich,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Fleischhauer, unanimous consent being given, introduced.

House bill No. 564, entitled

A bill to amend an act entitled "An act to provide punishment for getting on board railroad trains when in motion." approved April 18, 1883.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Railroads.

Mr. Fleischhauer, unanimous consent being given, introduced.

House bill No. 565, entitled

A bill to create a State commission for the surveying, construction and maintenance of bicycle roads and paths and defining its powers and duties.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Fleischhauer,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Murdoch, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 566, entitled

A bill to authorize the township of Oliver, in the county of Huron and State of Michigan, to borrow money with which to encourage and promote the building and operation of a factory for the manufacture and refining of sugar from beets, or any other public improvement for the benefit of said township.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Towns and Counties.

Mr. Murdoch, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 567, entitled

A bill to authorize the village of Elkton, in the county of Huron and State of Michigan, to borrow money with which to encourage and promote the building and operation of a factory for the manufacture and refining of sugar from beets, or any other public improvement for said village.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Towns and Counties.

Mr. Heck, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 568, entitled

A bill to abolish the contracting of convict labor and to provide employment for convicts in the penal institutions of this State.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on State Affairs.

Mr. Pack, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 569, entitled

A bill to provide for a commission to investigate whether a better system of transferring land titles in this State can be adopted, and other purposes incidental thereto.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Private Corporations.

Mr. Pack, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 570, entitled

A bill to protect bank deposits.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Private Corporations.

Mr. Rulison, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 571, entitled

A bill to authorize and direct the insurance policy commission, created by act No. 149 of the public acts of 1881, entitled "An act to provide for the adoption and use of a standard form of fire insurance policy," to amend the standard fire insurance policy so as to provide for the payment of losses within five days after adjustment.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Insurance.

Mr. Howell, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 572, entitled

A bill making appropriations for the Industrial School for Boys for the six months ending June 30, 1899, and the fiscal years ending June 30, 1900 and June 30, 1901.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Industrial School for Boys.

Mr. Howell, unanimous consent being given, introduced
House bill No. 573, entitled

A bill to amend sections 1 and 2 of act No. 222 of the public acts of 1887, as amended by section 1 of act No. 183 of the public acts of 1895, as amended by act No. 265 of the public acts of 1897, entitled "An act to prevent crime and punish truancy," being compiler's section 9315c and 9315d of chapter 322 of Howell's annotated statutes of the State of Michigan.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Howell, unanimous consent being given, introduced
House bill No. 574, entitled

A bill to amend section 13 of act No. 159 of the public acts of 1897, the same being an act to revise and amend the laws for the protection of game.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Fisheries and Game.

Mr. Howell, unanimous consent being given, introduced
House bill No. 575, entitled

A bill to repeal act No. 259 of the session laws of 1897, entitled "An act to provide for economical use and disposal of the products of the several benevolent, penal and reformatory institutions of the State of Michigan."

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on State Affairs.

Mr. Howell, unanimous consent being given, introduced
House bill No. 576, entitled

A bill to provide for the nomination of judicial officers at elections.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Elections.

Mr. Howell, unanimous consent being given, introduced
House bill No. 577, entitled

A bill to reorganize the medical department of the Michigan State militia, and to repeal all acts or parts of acts in anywise contravening the provisions of this act.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Duff, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 578, entitled

A bill to amend section 8 of act No. 50 of the public acts of 1887, entitled "An act to provide for the incorporation and regulation of certain corporations generally known as building and loan associations," as amended by act No. 247 of the public acts of 1889.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Private Corporations.

Mr. Duff, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 579, entitled

A bill to provide for the incorporation and regulation of certain cor-

porations, generally known as building and loan associations, and to repeal all acts inconsistent herewith.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Private Corporations.

Mr. Duff, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House joint resolution No. 580, entitled

Joint resolution to amend section 6 of article 6 of the constitution of the State of Michigan, relative to circuit courts.

The joint resolution was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Gordon, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 581, entitled

A bill to prohibit the manufacture, sale or giving away of cigarettes within this State, and providing a penalty for the violation of any of the provisions of this act.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Gordon,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Gordon, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 582, entitled

A bill to amend section 8 of act No. 176 of the public acts of 1891, entitled "An act for the organization of township school districts in the Upper Peninsula," being section 4830 of the compiled laws of 1897.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Gordon,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Heineman, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 583, entitled

A bill to amend section 37 of act No. 264 of the session laws of 1861, entitled "An act to authorize proceedings by garnishment in the circuit courts and the district court of the Upper Peninsula," approved March 16, 1861, the same being section 8093 of Howell's annotated statutes.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Heineman, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 584, entitled

A bill to regulate the payment of certain bounties by the State and to define and punish irregularities and frauds in relation thereto.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on State Affairs.

Mr. Heineman, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 585, entitled

A bill to amend section 6702 of Howell's annotated statutes, relative to decree for deficiency and foreclosure proceedings in chancery.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Heineman, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 586, entitled

A bill relative to the duties and powers of the State Land Commissioner.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on State Affairs.

Mr. Heineman, unanimous consent being given, introduced House bill No. 587, entitled

A bill to regulate the profession of public accountant.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Heineman, unanimous consent being given, introduced House bill No. 588, entitled

A bill respecting the arrest, trial and imprisonment of youthful offenders.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Heineman, unanimous consent being given, introduced House bill No. 589, entitled

A bill to amend section 11 of chapter 100 of the revised statutes of 1846, being section 7385 of Howell's annotated statutes, relative to referees.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Revision and Amendment of the Statutes.

Mr. Heineman, unanimous consent being given, introduced House bill No. 590, entitled

A bill to provide for the licensing of architects and regulating the practice of architecture as a profession.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Revision and Amendment of the Statutes.

Mr. Heineman, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 591, entitled

A bill to authorize the city of Detroit to issue, subject to the approval of the electors of said city, bonds to the amount of \$150,000, for the purpose of improving Belle Isle Park in said city, by erecting thereon a combined aquarium and horticultural building.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on City Corporations.

Mr. Alward, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 592, entitled

A bill to amend sections 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, of act No. 122 of the public acts of 1889, entitled "An act to provide for the publication and distribution of laws and documents, reports of the several State officers, boards of officers and public institutions of this State, now or hereafter to be published, and to provide for the replacing of books lost by fire or otherwise, and to repeal all existing laws providing for the publication and distribution of said laws, documents or reports."

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on State Affairs.

Mr. Alward, unanimous consent being given, introduced

Joint resolution No. 593, entitled

Joint resolution proposing an amendment to section 10 of article 14 of the constitution of this state, relative to providing for a state board of assessors.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Alward

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. J. H. Read, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 594, entitled

A bill to amend section 18 of chapter 9 of act No. 3 of the public acts of 1895, authorizing village councils to reassess real property, delinquent for village taxes, and to provide for giving notice of same.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Village Corporations.

Mr. J. H. Read, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 595, entitled

A bill making it unlawful for township boards within the State of Michigan to hold more than five regular meetings in any one year at township expense, except in certain cases, and to provide for posting notices relative to same.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Towns and Counties.

Mr. J. H. Read, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 596, entitled

A bill authorizing highway commissioners to open and construct township drains in certain cases, and to amend or repeal all acts or parts of acts inconsistent therewith.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Drainage.

Mr. Buskirk, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 597, entitled

A bill to authorize the State Board of Agriculture to hold institutes and to establish and maintain courses of reading and lectures for the instruction of citizens of this State, in the various branches of agriculture, mechanic arts, domestic economy, and the sciences relating thereto, and making an appropriation therefor.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Agricultural College.

Mr. Oberdorffer, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 598, entitled

A bill to provide for the protection of life and property, and requiring a certificate of examination of engineers having charge of steam boilers.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Oberdorffer,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Burdick, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 599, entitled

A bill to prohibit the catching of bass in Bear lake, in Charlevoix county at certain times and to provide a penalty for the violation of this act.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Fisheries and Game.

Mr. W. A. Reed, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 600, entitled

A bill to authorize and empower the Oak Grove Cemetery Association of Napoleon in the county of Jackson, to transfer and convey the cemetery now owned and controlled by said association to the Board of Health of the township of Napoleon, to be used for maintaining a cemetery.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Foster, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 601, entitled

A bill to amend act 206 of the public acts of 1893, being "An act to provide for the assessment of property, and the levy and collection of taxes thereon, and for the collection of taxes heretofore and hereafter levied; making such taxes a lien on the lands taxed, establishing and continuing such lien; providing for the sale and conveyance of lands delinquent for taxes, and for the inspection and disposition of lands bid off to the State and not redeemed or purchased; and to repeal act No. 200 of the public acts of 1891 and all other acts and parts of acts in anywise contravening any of the provisions of this act," by adding one new section to be known as section 144 of said act.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on General Taxation.

Mr. Foster, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 602, entitled

A bill making appropriations for the State Public School for the six months ending June 30, 1899, and for the fiscal years ending June 30, 1900, and June 30, 1901, and to provide for a tax to meet the same.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on State Public School.

Mr. Burch, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 603, entitled

A bill relative to the construction of buildings in the city of Detroit.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on City Corporations.

Mr. Burch, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 604, entitled

A bill to authorize the purchase or condemnation of toll bridges by street or electric railways.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

Mr. Burch, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 605, entitled

A bill to amend an act entitled "An act to provide a charter for the city of Detroit, and to repeal all acts or parts of acts in conflict therewith," approved June 7, 1883, by adding a new section to stand as section 12 of chapter 13.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on City Corporations.

Mr. Goodrich, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 606, entitled

A bill to establish and maintain a State Hospital for Consumptives, and to make an appropriation therefor.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Public Health.

Mr. Randall, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 607, entitled

A bill to amend section 2 of act No. 308 of the session laws of 1879, entitled "An act to incorporate the city of Mt. Clemens, and repeal act No. 307 of the session laws of 1875, approved April 8, 1875," as amended by act No. 308 of the local acts of 1881.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on City Corporations.

Mr. Collins, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 608, entitled

A bill for appropriating money to provide for the dyking and cleaning of Grand river, in the city of Jackson, from the south line of the Michigan State Prison grounds to the northern limits of such city, in order to remove accumulations of sewage from such stream deposited from drainage from such prison, and to provide for a more thorough and safe system of sewerage for such State prison.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on State Prison.

Mr. Duff, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 609, entitled

A bill to authorize boards of supervisors of counties and township boards of organized townships to refund and extend the time of payment of indebtedness of counties and townships in the State of Michigan.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Towns and Counties.

Mr. Duff, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 610, entitled

A bill limiting the time in which actions may be brought to recover damages for personal injuries against any municipal or other corporation.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on City Corporations.

Mr. Duff, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 611, entitled

A bill to provide for discovery in actions or proceedings, commenced in any of the courts of record in this State, to provide for the examination of parties thereto, of persons for whose benefit such actions or proceedings are prosecuted or defended, of assignors of such parties, and to compel the production by them of books, papers and documents under their control.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Wayne, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House joint resolution No. 612, entitled

Joint resolution proposing an amendment to section 10 of article 14 of the constitution of this State, relative to providing for a State Board of Assessors.

The joint resolution was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on State Affairs.

Mr. Wayne, unanimous consent being given, introduced
House bill No. 613, entitled

A bill to provide for the appropriation of 1500 acres of State swamp land for the purpose of improving Prairie creek or drain, in the townships of Homer and Lee, in the county of Midland.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Van Camp, unanimous consent being given, introduced
House bill No. 614, entitled

A bill to provide a probate register for Berrien county, and to fix his compensation.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Van Camp,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Colvin, unanimous consent being given, introduced
House bill No. 615, entitled

A bill for the granting of licenses to ex-United States soldiers and sailors to vend, hawk and peddle goods in the counties, townships, cities and villages in this State.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Labor.

Mr. Scully, unanimous consent being given, introduced
House bill No. 616, entitled

A bill to amend section 40 of chapter 177 of the compiled laws of 1871, being compiler's section 6794 of Howell's annotated statutes relative to the probate courts.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Scully, unanimous consent being given, introduced
House bill No. 617, entitled

A bill to amend section 9 of act No. 118 of the session laws of 1893, entitled "An act to revise and consolidate the laws relative to the State Prison, to the State House of Correction, and branch of the State Prison in the Upper Peninsula, and to the House of Correction and Reformatory at Ionia and the government and discipline thereof and to repeal all acts inconsistent therewith."

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on State Affairs.

Mr. Scully, unanimous consent being given, introduced
House bill No. 618, entitled

A bill to prohibit the catching or taking of fish in Grand river and tributary streams in any other manner than by hook or line.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Fisheries and Game.

Mr. Scully, unanimous consent being given, introduced
House bill No. 619, entitled

A bill to amend section 17 of act No. 124 of the session laws of 1893, entitled "An act to provide for the government of the Michigan Asylum for Dangerous and Criminal Insane and the inmates therein, and to repeal act 190, laws of 1883 and all acts amendatory thereto, and all of that portion of act 140, laws of 1891, which conflicts with this act, being an

act entitled 'An act to provide for a State Board of Inspectors who shall perform the duties now performed by the advisory board in matters of pardons and who shall have the complete management and control of the State Prison at Jackson, State House of Correction and Reformatory at Ionia, the Michigan Asylum for Insane Criminals at Ionia, the branch of the State Prison at Marquette, the Reform Schools for Boys at Lansing and the Industrial Home for Girls at Adrian and to abolish all existing boards and to annul all existing appointments.'"

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Asylum for Criminal Insane.

Mr. Scully, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 620, entitled

A bill to amend section 2 of an act entitled "An act relative to disorderly persons, and to repeal chapter 53 of the compiled laws of 1871 as amended by the several acts amendatory thereof," approved July 5, 1889, as amended by act No. 190 of the public acts of 1895.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Scully, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 621, entitled

A bill to amend section 26 of chapter 129 of the compiled laws of 1871, being compiler's section 4753 of Howell's annotated statutes relative to burying grounds.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Towns and Counties.

Mr. Scully, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 622, entitled

A bill prescribing the manner in which the city of Ionia may be incorporated under and be subject to the provisions of act No. 215 of the public acts of 1895, of the State of Michigan, entitled "An act to provide for the incorporation of cities of the fourth class."

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on City Corporations.

Mr. Anderson, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 623, entitled

A bill to amend section 31 of title 4 of act No. 374 of the local acts of the State of Michigan for the year 1897, entitled "An act to revise the charter of the city of Grand Rapids," approved March 25, 1897.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Anderson,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Anderson, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 624, entitled

A bill to amend sections 2, 3 and 8 of title 6 of act No. 374 of the local acts of the State of Michigan for the year 1897, entitled "An act to revise the charter of the city of Grand Rapids," approved March 25, 1897.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Anderson,
The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Anderson, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 625, entitled

A bill to provide a sinking fund for the payment of certain indebtedness of the city of Grand Rapids, and to provide for the care, custody and disposal of such fund.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Anderson. •

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Anderson, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 626, entitled

A bill to amend sections 1, 6 and 7 of title 2 of act No. 374 of the local acts of the State of Michigan for the year 1897, entitled "An act to revise the charter of the city of Grand Rapids," approved March 25, 1897.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Anderson,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Anderson, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 627, entitled

A bill to amend sections 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 13 of title 9 of act No. 374 of the local acts of the State of Michigan for the year 1897, entitled "An act to revise the charter of the city of Grand Rapids," approved March 25, 1897, and to add nine new sections to said title from 46 to 54 inclusive.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Anderson,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Anderson, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 628, entitled

A bill to amend sections 1, 5, 6 and 9 of title 7 of act No. 374 of the local acts of the State of Michigan for the year 1897, entitled "An act to revise the charter of the city of Grand Rapids," approved March 25, 1897, and to add four new sections to said title to stand as sections 16, 17, 18 and 19.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Anderson,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Anderson, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 629, entitled

A bill in relation to the cemeteries and parks in the city of Grand Rapids, to create a board of cemetery and park commissioners in said

city, to define their duties and fix their compensation, and to repeal title XI of act No. 374 of the local acts of the State of Michigan for the year 1897, entitled "An act to revise the charter of the city of Grand Rapids," approved March 25, 1897.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Anderson,
The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Anderson, unanimous consent being given, introduced
House bill No. 630, entitled

A bill to amend section 28 of act No. 206 of the public acts of 1893, entitled "An act to provide for the assessment of property and the levy and collection of tax thereon, and for the collection of tax heretofore and hereafter levied; making such tax a lien on the land taxed, establishing and continuing such lien, providing for the sale and conveyance of lands delinquent for the taxes and for the inspection and disposition of lands bid off to the State and not redeemed or purchased; and to repeal act No. 200 of the public acts of 1891, and all other acts and parts of acts in anywise contravening any of the provisions of this act."

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on General Taxation.

Mr. Davis (for Mr. Lugers), unanimous consent being given, introduced
House bill No. 631, entitled

A bill to provide for the incorporation of Reformed Protestant churches.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Davis,
The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Hammond, unanimous consent being given, introduced
House bill No. 632, entitled

A bill to amend act 206 of the public acts of 1893, being "An act to provide for the assessment of property and the levy and collection of taxes thereon, and for the collection of taxes heretofore and hereafter levied; making such taxes a lien on the lands taxed, establishing and continuing such lien, providing for the sale and conveyance of lands delinquent for taxes, and for the inspection and disposition of lands bid off to the State and not redeemed or purchased; and to repeal act No. 200 of the public acts of 1891, and all other acts and parts of acts in anywise contravening any of the provisions of this act," by adding two sections to be known as sections 138 and 139 of said act.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on General Taxation.

Mr. McKay (for Mr. Phillips), unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 633, entitled

A bill for the reorganization of the military forces of the State of Michigan, and to repeal all former acts or parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. McKay,
The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Fleischhauer, unanimous consent being given, introduced
House bill No. 634, entitled

A bill to amend sections 3287, 3288, 3289, 3290, 3291, 3292, 3298 and 3302 of an act to provide for the appointment of a commissioner of railroads, and define his powers and duties, and fix his compensation.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Fleischhauer,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Waterbury, unanimous consent being given, introduced
House bill No. 635, entitled

A bill providing for the payment of salaries to county officers, and providing for the disposition of the fees received by such officers.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Waterbury,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Waterbury, unanimous consent being given, introduced
House bill No. 636, entitled

A bill to provide for the attaching to life insurance policies, by whatever class of company or association issued, a complete copy of the application therefor.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Insurance.

Mr. Hart, unanimous consent being given, introduced
House bill No. 637, entitled

A bill making appropriations for additional buildings at the asylum for the insane, located at Traverse City, Michigan, and known as the Northern Asylum for the Insane, for the furnishing and equipment of said buildings complete, the building of a fire proof vault, the purchase and installation of an electric storage battery, and the purchase of forty acres additional land, all for said institution.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Northern Asylum for Insane.

Mr. Hart, unanimous consent being given, introduced
House bill No. 638, entitled

A bill to provide for an attorney fee in the foreclosure of real estate mortgages by advertisement, and to limit the amount to be collected for attorney, printers and officers' fees in such foreclosures, and providing a penalty for misstating the amount of such fees, paid or contracted to be paid, and to repeal act No. 133 of the public acts of 1885, being section 8515a, third Howell's annotated statutes.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Judiciary

Mr. Kerr, unanimous consent being given, introduced
House joint resolution No. 639, entitled

A joint resolution to provide for the relief of John McDonald.

The joint resolution was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Chandler, unanimous consent being given, introduced
House bill No. 640, entitled

A bill to amend section 14 of act No. 34 of the public acts of 1897, same being "An act to amend section 1 of chapter 87 of the compiled laws of 1871, entitled 'The destruction of wolves and other noxious animals,' said chapter being chapter No. 70 of Howell's statutes, and to add a new section thereto to stand as section 14 of said chapter."

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on State Affairs.

Mr. Chandler, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 641, entitled

A bill to amend section 7 of act No. 149 of the public acts of 1893, entitled "An act to provide for the county and township system of roads, and to prescribe the powers and duties of the officers having charge thereof," as amended by act No. 251 of the public acts of 1897.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

Mr. Chandler, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 642, entitled

A bill to amend section 2 of act No. 86 of the public acts of 1897, entitled "An act for the protection of certain fur bearing animals."

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on State Affairs.

Mr. Chandler, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 643, entitled

A bill to amend sections 2 and 4 of act No. 222 of the public acts of 1895, entitled "An act to provide for the appointment of a board of commissioners who shall have the management and control of the Mackinac Island State Park, and defining its powers and duties," and to add thereto two new sections to stand as sections 5 and 6 of said act.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on State Affairs.

Mr. Chandler, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 644, entitled

A bill to provide for the preservation of moose, elk and caribou, and to provide a penalty for their destruction.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Fisheries and Game.

Mr. Crosby, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 645, entitled

A bill to prohibit the shooting and spearing of fish in the Kalamazoo river, above the city of Allegan.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Crosby,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Crosby, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 646, entitled

A bill to prohibit the killing or hunting of quail, partridge, woodcock and snipe in the lower peninsula of Michigan, except at certain times of the year, and to repeal all acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Crosby,
The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Crosby, previous notice having been given and leave being granted,
introduced

House bill No. 647, entitled

A bill to create a continuous lien for board, storage and care of horses, wagons, harnesses, horse furniture and trappings, and to prescribe the manner and means of its enforcement, and to repeal all acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Crosby,
The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Crosby, previous notice having been given and leave being granted,
introduced

House bill No. 648, entitled

A bill to prohibit the selling or offering for sale, or the shipment out of the State of Michigan, for the purpose of selling or offering for sale, of quail, partridge, woodcock and snipe.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Crosby,
The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Herrig, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 649, entitled

A bill to provide for labeling and marking of goods, wares and merchandise manufactured by convicts.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Labor.

Mr. Herrig, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 650, entitled

A bill to authorize and empower any corporation organized under act No. 35 of the public acts of 1867, approved March 5, 1867, and the acts amendatory thereof, or under act No. 148 of the public acts of 1855, approved February 13, 1855, and the acts amendatory thereof (being chapters 94 and 95 of Howell's annotated statutes), to purchase, acquire, construct, own, maintain and operate toll bridges and to collect toll thereon, whenever such bridge constitutes a part of the line of railway owned or operated by such corporation.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on City Corporations.

Mr. Herrig, previous notice having been given and consent being granted, introduced

House bill No. 651, entitled

A bill to revise and amend an act entitled "An act to revise an act entitled 'An act to incorporate the board of education of the city of East Saginaw,' and the several acts amendatory thereto, and to attach fractional school district No. 1 of the township of Spaulding, in the county of Saginaw thereto for school purposes."

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on City Corporations.

Mr. Herrig, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 652, entitled

A bill to provide for the annexing of fractional school district No. 1 of the township of Spaulding, in the county of Saginaw, to the city of Saginaw for school purposes.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on City Corporations.

Mr. Herrig, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 653, entitled

A bill to annex fractional school district No. 1 of the township of Spaulding, in the county of Saginaw, to the eastern taxing district of the city of Saginaw, for school purposes.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on City Corporations.

Mr. Herrig, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 654, entitled

A bill to amend certain sections of the charter of the city of Saginaw.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on City Corporations.

Mr. Herrig, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 655, entitled

A bill to revise and amend the charter of the city of Saginaw.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on City Corporations.

Mr. Colby, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 656, entitled

A bill to amend section 6232 of chapter 195 of the compiled laws of 1871, being compiler's section 7816 of Howell's annotated statutes.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Colby, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 657, entitled

A bill to amend section 1 of act No. 137 of the session laws of 1849, entitled "An act to authorize proceedings against garnishees and for other purposes," approved March 28, 1849, the same being section 8031 of Howell's annotated statutes, as amended by act No. 250 of the session laws of 1895, approved June 1, 1895, and also to amend section 2 of said act No. 137 of the session laws of 1849, entitled "An act to authorize proceedings against garnishees and for other purposes," approved March 28, 1849, the same being section 8032 of Howell's annotated statutes.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Colby, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 658, entitled

A bill to amend section 2 of an act entitled "An act to amend section 2 of act No. 25 of the public acts of 1887, approved March 9, 1887, entitled 'An act to provide for three additional circuit judges for the third judicial

circuit,' so as to provide for the appointment of a clerk for the judges of said circuit," approved May 4, 1895.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Colby, unanimous consent being given, introduced
House bill No. 659, entitled

A bill to amend section 36 of act No. 177 of the public acts of 1859, as amended by act No. 112 of the public acts of 1871, the same being compiler's section No. 121 of Howell's annotated statutes, entitled "An act further to preserve the purity of elections and guard against the abuse of the elective franchise by a registration of electors," and to repeal all acts or parts of acts whether general or local, conflicting with the provisions of this act.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Colby,
The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Colby, unanimous consent being given, introduced
House bill No. 660, entitled

A bill to amend sections 25 and 28 of act No. 137 of the laws of 1849, relative to authorizing proceedings against garnishees, and for other purposes, as amended by act No. 178 of the public acts of 1891, the same being compiler's section 8055 of Howell's annotated statutes.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Colby,
The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Colby, unanimous consent being given, introduced
House bill No. 661, entitled

A bill to amend and revise each and every section of act No. 137 of the public acts of 1849, as amended, the same being chapter 276 of Howell's annotated statutes, and to add four new sections thereto to stand as sections 29, 30, 31 and 32, and to repeal all acts or parts of acts contravening the provisions of this act.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Colby,
The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Colby, unanimous consent being given, introduced
House bill No. 662, entitled

A bill to provide for and regulate the manner of erecting public buildings and other structures in this State, and to provide a penalty for the violation thereof by any public officer and to repeal all acts or parts of acts contravening the provisions of this act.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Colby,
The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Colby, unanimous consent being given, introduced
House bill No. 663, entitled

A bill to compel the owner of a race or canal which divides a farm, or crosses a highway, to construct and maintain bridges for the use of

the farm occupant, or the traveling public, and to provide a penalty and damages for failure to construct or maintain the same.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Colby,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Colby, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 664, entitled

A bill to require and allow the judges, clerks and stenographers of the recorder's court for the city of Detroit to sit at and hold court in the circuit court for the county of Wayne, and to hear, try and determine, while sitting in the recorder's court, such cases pending in the said circuit court as shall be assigned to them by the presiding circuit judge, and to repeal all acts or parts of acts contravening the provisions of this act.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Colby,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Colby, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 665, entitled

A bill to amend sections 1 to 8 inclusive, of act No. 425 of the local acts of 1895, entitled "An act to provide for and fix and limit the duties of certain officers and employes of the county of Wayne, and to add two new sections thereto, to stand as sections 9 and 10, and to repeal all acts and parts of acts contravening the provisions of this act.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Colby,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Colby, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 666, entitled

A bill to provide that a license shall be taken out and a fee or tax paid by every person in this State before they shall be allowed to give to any other person, or treat such person to any distilled or brewed or malt, or mixed, intoxicating liquors, in any public saloon or other place, where such liquors are sold or kept for sale, at retail, or by the drink, or in any room or place adjacent thereto, which is used in connection with such saloon or other public drinking place, as a place for serving or drinking such liquors sold thereat, and to provide for the enforcement thereof, and to provide a penalty for the violation thereof, and to repeal all acts or parts of acts contravening the provisions of this act.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Colby,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Colby, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 667, entitled

A bill to prohibit the purchase of spirituous, malt, brewed, fermented or vinous liquors for another by the drink and to prohibit the sale thereof to a person to be given to another as a treat, and to prohibit the giving

to any person in any regularly licensed saloon or other public drinking place any of such liquors.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Colby,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Colby, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 668, entitled

A bill to amend sections 1 to 34 inclusive of act No. 313 of the public acts of 1887, entitled "An act to provide for the taxation and regulation of the business of manufacturing, selling, keeping for sale, furnishing, giving or delivering spirituous and intoxicating liquors and malt, brewed or fermented liquors, and vinous liquors in this State, and to repeal all acts or parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act," as amended by act No. 93 of the public acts of 1895, and other acts.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Colby,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Colby, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 669, entitled

A bill to revise and amend chapter 7 of Howell's annotated statutes, as amended, and each and every section thereof, entitled "An act further to preserve the purity of elections and guard against the abuse of the elective franchise, by a registration of electors," the same being compiler's sections No. 80 to 121, inclusive, and to repeal all acts or parts of acts contravening the provisions of this act.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Colby,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Colby, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 670, entitled

A bill to amend section 26 of act No. 190 of the public acts of 1891, as amended by act No. 202 of the public acts of 1893, entitled "An act to prescribe the manner of conducting, and to prevent fraud and deceptions at elections in this State," and to repeal all acts and parts of acts contravening the provisions of this act.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Colby,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Colby, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 671, entitled

A bill to provide for the election at primary elections by a direct vote of the members of the various political parties, of all candidates of such parties for election to any and all public offices, the occupants of which now are, or hereafter shall be required, by law, to be elected at an April or November election, which shall include State, county, township, city, village and ward officers, members of Congress and of the State Legisla-

ture, and also for the election of a candidate of each of said political parties, for United States Senator, to be elected at the next session of the Legislature, also for the election of delegates to political conventions, and members of committees of political parties, and to provide for, regulate and protect such primary elections and conventions, and to punish offenses committed thereat, and to repeal all acts or parts of acts conflicting with the provisions of this act.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Colby,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Colby, unanimous consent being given, introduced
House bill No. 672, entitled

A bill to provide for the selection at primary elections, by a direct vote of the members of the various political parties, of all candidates of such parties, for election to any and all public offices, the occupants of which now are or hereafter shall be required by law to be elected at an April or November election which shall include State, county, township, city, village and ward officers, members of Congress and of the State Legislature. And also for the election of a candidate of each of said political parties for United States Senator, to be elected at the next session of the Legislature, also for the election of delegates to political conventions and members of committees of political parties, and to provide for, regulate and protect such primary elections and conventions, and to punish offenses committed thereat, and to repeal all acts or parts of acts conflicting with the provisions of this act.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Colby,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Colby, unanimous consent being given, introduced
House bill No. 673, entitled

A bill to provide for the selection at primary elections, by a direct vote of the members of the various political parties of all candidates of such parties, for election to any and all public offices, the occupants of which now or hereafter shall be required by law to be elected at an April or November election, entirely by electors residing within Wayne county, which shall include all county, city, township, village and ward officers, circuit judges and judges of the recorder's court for the city of Detroit, members of Congress and of the State Legislature, and also for the election of delegates to political conventions and of members of committees of political parties, and to provide for regulating and protecting such primary elections and conventions, and to punish offenses committed thereat, and to repeal all acts or parts of acts conflicting with the provisions of this act.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Colby,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Colby, unanimous consent being given, introduced
House bill No. 674, entitled

A bill to provide for the selection at primary elections, by a direct vote of the members of the various political parties, of all candidates of such

parties, for election to any and all public offices, the occupants of which now are or hereafter shall be required by law to be elected at an April or November election, entirely by electors residing within Wayne county, which shall include county, city, township, village and ward officers, circuit judges and judges of the recorder's court for the city of Detroit, members of Congress and of the State Legislature, and also for the election of delegates to political conventions, and of members of committees of political parties, and to provide for, regulate and protect such primary elections and conventions, and to punish offenses committed thereat, and to repeal all acts or parts of acts conflicting with the provisions of this act.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Colby,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Colby, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 675, entitled

A bill to provide for the selection at primary elections, by a direct vote of the members of the various political parties, of all candidates of such parties, for election to any and all public offices, the occupants of which now are or hereafter shall be required by law, to be elected at an April or November election, entirely by electors residing within Wayne county, which shall include county, city, township, village and ward officers, circuit judges and judges of the recorder's court of the city of Detroit, members of Congress and of the State Legislature, and also for the election of delegates to political conventions, and of members of committees of political parties, and to provide for, regulate and protect such primary elections and conventions, and to punish offenses committed thereat, and to repeal all acts or parts of acts conflicting with the provisions of this act.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Colby,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Whitney, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 676, entitled

A bill to amend the charter of the village of Muskegon Heights.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Towns and Counties.

Mr. Whitney, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 677, entitled

A bill to amend sections 1 and 6 of act No. 198 of the session laws of 1877, entitled "An act to provide for a tax upon dogs and to create a fund for the payment of certain damages for sheep killed and wounded by them in certain cases," being sections 2123 and 2128 of Howell's annotated statutes.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Towns and Counties.

Mr. Hammond, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 678, entitled

A bill to amend act No. 215 of the public acts of 1895, entitled "An act

to provide for the incorporation of cities of the fourth class," by adding thereto eight sections to be known as chapter 34 of said act.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on City Corporations.

Mr. Hammond, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 679, entitled

A bill to amend section 5 of chapter 11 of act No. 215 of the public acts of 1895, entitled "An act to provide for the incorporation of cities of the fourth class," approved May 27, 1895.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on City Corporations.

Mr. Gustin, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 680, entitled

A bill to regulate commerce.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on State Affairs.

Mr. Gustin, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 681, entitled

A bill to provide for a change of the rules of evidence in cases where creditors' bills in aid of execution, or to reach equitable assets, are filed.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Herrig,

The House took a recess until 7:30 o'clock this evening.

EVENING SESSION.

7:30 o'clock, p. m.

The house met and was called to order by the Speaker.

Roll called: quorum present.

The House resumed the order of

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.

The Speaker announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, February 20, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed by the Senate to respectfully request the return to the Senate of

House bill No. 117, entitled

A bill to provide for the relief of sick, disabled and needy ex-soldiers, sailors and marines of the late Spanish-American war.

Very respectfully,

CHARLES S. PIERCE,
Secretary of the Senate.

The question being on complying with the request of the Senate for the return of the bill,

Mr. Chamberlain moved that a respectful message be sent to the Gover-

nor, asking the return to the House of the bill, and that it be returned to the Senate in accordance with the request therefor.

Which motion prevailed.

NOTICES.

Mr. Aldrich gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to provide for the assessment and levy of taxes upon the property of railroad companies, express companies, telegraph companies and telephone companies and the collection thereof.

Mr. McLeod gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to provide the manner in which the common council of the city of Detroit may grant franchises for street railways.

Mr. Hatzenbuehler gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to provide vestibules on the rear end of street railway cars in this State.

Mr. McLeod gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to provide for a State Library Commission which shall have charge of the purchases of all books, pamphlets and writings for the State Library, and to fix the membership of said commission and its powers, duties and compensation.

Mr. Eikhoff gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend section 2 of act 140 of the session laws of 1867, the same being chapter 103 of Howell's annotated statutes relating to the licensing and taxing of express companies incorporated in other states.

Mr. Eikhoff gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to regulate the opening and closing of stores and places where goods are bought and sold.

Mr. Eikhoff gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill imposing a specific tax upon persons, firms, corporations and chartered companies engaged in the business of exporting minerals, coal, salt and soda ash out of this State, or of mining, smelting and refining ores in this State.

Mr. Chandler gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend the charter of the city of Sault Ste. Marie.

Mr. Locher gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend the charter of the city of Belding.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

Mr. Kelly, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 682, entitled

A bill for the protection of fish in Grand river and its tributaries, in

Eaton county, State of Michigan, and providing a penalty for their destruction.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Fisheries and Game.

Mr. Kelly, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 683, entitled

A bill relating to telephone companies, and to regulate the rental of telephones in this State.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Private Corporations.

Mr. Davis, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 684, entitled

A bill to declare certain election days legal holidays.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Weier, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 685, entitled

A bill to provide for the collection of specific State taxes from the mining companies of the upper peninsula.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on General Taxation.

Mr. Burfoot, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 686, entitled

A bill to provide for the renewing of bonds of guardians, executors and administrators.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Revision and Amendment of the Statutes.

Mr. Burfoot, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 687, entitled

A bill to amend sections 1 and 2 of act No. 107 of the public acts of 1871, entitled "An act to provide for the sale of perishable property," being compiler's sections 7718 and 7719 of Howell's annotated statutes.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Revision and Amendment of the Statutes.

Mr. Eikhoff, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 688, entitled

A bill to provide for the assessment of property and the levy of taxes thereon, and for the collection of taxes heretofore and hereafter levied, and to repeal act No. 206 of the session laws of 1893, except as provided in this act, and all other acts or parts of acts in anywise contravening any of the provisions of this act.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Eikhoff,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Eikhoff, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 689, entitled

A bill to compel the maintenance of water closet accommodations for workmen on buildings during course of erection.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Labor.

Mr. Gillam, unanimous consent being given, introduced
House bill No. 690, entitled

A bill to provide for the nomination of the candidates of political parties and associations by a direct vote of the voters of such political parties or associations.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Elections.

Mr. Gillam, unanimous consent being given, introduced
House bill No. 691, entitled

A bill to amend section 113 of act No. 206 of the public acts of 1893, being "An act to provide for the assessment of property and the levy and collection of taxes thereon, and for the collection of taxes heretofore and hereafter levied, making such taxes a lien on the lands taxed, establishing and continuing such lien, providing for the sale and conveyance of lands delinquent for taxes, and for the inspection and disposition of lands bid off to the State and not redeemed or purchased, and the repeal of act No. 200 of the public acts of 1891, and all other acts and parts of acts in anywise contravening any of the provisions of this act."

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on General Taxation.

Mr. Gillam, unanimous consent being given, introduced
House bill No. 692, entitled

A bill to organize the union school district of the township of Hawes, in Alcona county.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Education.

Mr. Gillam, unanimous consent being given, introduced
House bill No. 693, entitled

A bill to regulate the printing, binding and distribution of the laws, reports and documents of every kind, to be published by the State.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee.

On motion of Mr. Gillam,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Wayne, unanimous consent being given, introduced
House bill No. 694, entitled

A bill to provide for the laying out and establishing of a State road on the meridian line in the counties of Midland and Gladwin, and between the counties of Ogemaw and Roscommon, and opening the same.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

Mr. Duff, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 695, entitled

A bill to regulate the price of telephones and telephone service charges in this State.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Private Corporations.

Mr. Scully, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 696, entitled

A bill to require all corporations, associations, joint companies and

persons, natural or artificial, however organized or named, who are engaged in the business of transmitting telephonic messages to, from, through or in the State of Michigan, to make connections at all points where such telephone companies or corporations may have telephone exchanges, and to regulate the manner in which such telephone exchanges may be connected.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Scully,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Sutherland, unanimous consent being given, introduced House bill No. 697, entitled

A bill to provide for the payment of coal miners for all coal mined by them, and providing additional duties for mine inspectors.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Labor.

Mr. Fleischhauer, unanimous consent being given, introduced House bill No. 698, entitled

A bill to repeal act No. 161 of the session laws of 1897, entitled "An act making an appropriation for the relief of sufferers by the great fire of 1896, in Ontonagon village of this State," and to provide for the closing of the accounts and making final report of the commission appointed under said act.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Fleishhauer,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Fleischhauer, unanimous consent being given, introduced House bill No. 699, entitled

A bill to organize a school district in Sherman township, Osceola county, to be known as school district No. . . .

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Fleishhauer,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Fleischhauer, unanimous consent being given, introduced House bill No. 700, entitled

A bill to amend section 10 of act No. 147 of the session laws of 1891, entitled "An act to provide for the election of a county commissioner of schools, for the appointment of school examiners, and to define the duties and fix the compensation for the same, and to repeal all existing acts or parts of acts conflicting with the provisions of this act."

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Fleishhauer,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Fleischhauer, unanimous consent being given, introduced House bill No. 701, entitled

A bill providing for the payment of salaries to county officers and providing for the disposition of the fees received by such officers.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Fleishhauer,
The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Fleischhauer, unanimous consent being given, introduced
House bill No. 702, entitled

A bill relating to the regulation of trade and commerce in the State of Michigan.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Fleischhauer,
The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Fleischhauer, unanimous consent being given, introduced
House bill No. 703, entitled

An act to amend act No. 137 of the session laws of 1849, entitled "An act to authorize proceedings against garnishees, and for other purposes," the same being chapter 276 of Howell's annotated statutes.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Fleischhauer,
The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Heineman, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 704, entitled

A bill to authorize the city of Detroit to erect and maintain an additional bridge over the American channel of the Detroit river, between Belle Isle Park and the main land.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on City Corporations.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Chamberlain offered the following:

Resolved, That the committee on Normal Schools be discharged from the further consideration of

House bill No. 258, entitled

A bill to provide for the location, establishment and conduct of a normal school at Marquette, in the upper peninsula of this State, and to make an appropriation for the same.

And are hereby requested to report the same back to the House, in order that the said bill may be referred to the committee on Education.

Which was adopted.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Being the consideration of the following:

Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Michigan (the Senate concurring), That the Senators and Representatives of the State of Michigan in the National Congress be requested to favor and assist in securing a fair and liberal service pension to every Union soldier veteran of the civil war not already a pensioner, regardless of any disability accruing from said service or since, whenever said soldier shall have arrived at the age of sixty-two years.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution,
The resolution was adopted.

Mr. Herrig moved that the House go into committee of the whole on the general order.

Which motion did not prevail.

Mr. Pearson moved that the House adjourn until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Which was withdrawn.

On motion of Mr. Gustin,

The House took a recess until 9 o'clock this evening.

AFTER RECESS.

9 o'clock p. m.

The House resumed the regular order.

No. 86. By Mr. G. W. Reed: Petition of Geo. Little and 60 others asking for the passage of a law to prohibit the killing of deer for a period of five years in a certain part of this State.

Referred to the committee on Fisheries and Game.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

By committee on Normal Schools:

The committee on Normal Schools, to whom was referred House bill No. 258, entitled

A bill to provide for the location, establishment and conduct of a normal school at Marquette, in the upper peninsula of this State, and to make an appropriation for the same.

Respectfully report the same back to the House, in accordance with its instructions.

GEO. P. M'CALLUM,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Chamberlain,

The bill was referred to the committee on Education.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Lansing, February 20, 1899.

Lewis M. Miller, Esq.,

Clerk of the House of Representatives:

Dear Sir—In accordance with the request of the House of Representatives, as expressed in your communication just received, I return herewith to the House, House bill No. 117, being "An act to provide for the relief of sick, disabled and needy ex-soldiers, sailors and marines of the late Spanish-American war."

Yours respectfully,

H. S. PINGREE,
Governor.

Mr. Chamberlain moved to suspend the rule limiting the time within which a motion to reconsider a vote may be made.

Which motion prevailed, two-thirds of all the members present voting therefor.

Mr. Chamberlain moved to reconsider the vote by which the House concurred in the Senate amendments to the bill.

Which motion prevailed.

The question being on concurring in the amendment made by the Senate to the bill,

The House non-concurred, a majority of all the members elect not voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

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NAYS.

Mr. Aldrich	Mr. Goodyear	Mr. Nevins
Babcock	Gordon	Niedermeier
Baumgaertner	Gray	Oberdorffer
Brownell	Gustin	Pearson
Bryan	Hammond	Randafl
Burch	Handy	Read, J. H.
Burdick	Hart	Reed, G. W.
Caldwell	Hatzenbuhler	Reed, W. A.
Chamberlain	Heck	Rulison
Ohandler	Herrig	Scully
Cheever	Howell	Soper
Colby	Keep	Stewart
Collins	Kelly	Taziman
Colvin	Kingott	Van Camp
Crosby	Lafamboy	Waterbury
Davis	Locher	Watters
Dickinson	Lugers	Wayne
Doyle	McCanum	Weier
Dudley	McKay	Wheeler
Duff	McLean	Whitney
Eikhoff	McLeod	Wing
Fleischhauer	Mason	Wood
Gillam	Miller	Woodruff
Gillette	Murdoch	Speaker
Goodrich	Nash	

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NOTICES.

Mr. Eikhoff gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend section 2 of the public lighting act of the city of Detroit, the same being chapter 13 of the charter of said city, as approved March 18, 1893.

Mr. Caldwell gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to vacate the plat of the Meredith Land and Improvement Company's additions "A" and "B" to the village of Meredith.

Mr. Howell gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to provide for the incorporation, management and regulation of co-operative and paternal insurance companies.

Mr. Bryan gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to provide for the election of two aldermen at large in the city of Wyandotte, and to fix their compensation and term of office.

Mr. Bryan gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to provide for the further representation from the city of Detroit on the board of supervisors of the county of Wayne.

Mr. Bryan gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to abolish the board of public works in the city of Wyandotte, and to define the powers and duties of the mayor and common council,

Mr. Bryan gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to provide for the construction, care and maintenance of the water works and electric lighting plant of the city of Wyandotte.

Mr. Bryan gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to provide for the levy, assessment and collection of taxes in the city of Wyandotte.

Mr. Hatzenbuehler gave notice that at some future day he would introduce

A bill to amend section 14 of act No. 206 of the session laws of 1893, being "An act to provide for the assessment of property and the levy and collection of taxes thereon, and for the collection of taxes heretofore and hereafter levied; making such taxes a lien on the lands taxed, establishing and continuing such lien, providing for the sale and conveyance of lands delinquent for taxes, and for the inspection and disposition of lands bid off to the State and not redeemed or purchased; and to repeal act No. 200 of the public acts of 1891, and all other acts and parts of acts in anywise contravening any of the provisions of this act."

Mr. Gray gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to detach from school district No. 1 of the city of Ludington, Mason county, Michigan, that part of said school district included in the township of Pere Marquette, in said county.

Mr. Colby gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to provide for the assessment and levy of taxes upon the property of railroad companies, express companies, telegraph companies and telephone companies and the collection thereof, and for the assessment and levy and collection of taxes upon shares in all other corporations organized under the laws of this State and in banks organized under the laws of the United States, and to create a State Board of Assessors and to define the duties and powers of said board, and to provide for the selection of members of said board and for their compensation, and to repeal all other acts or parts of acts in so far as such acts or parts of acts are inconsistent with this act, and to declare the purposes to which

taxes levied upon the property of railroad, express, telegraph and telephone companies shall be applied, and to require taxpayers to file sworn statements of their property.

Mr. Stewart gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to vest in the board of public works of the city of Detroit the powers and duties heretofore vested in the board of building inspectors of said city.

Mr. Dickinson gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to require a notice of all transfers of real estate in the city of Detroit to be filed with the city assessors before the recording of said transfer by the register of deeds of Wayne county.

Mr. Dickinson gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend the charter of the city of Detroit.

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A bill to repeal the charter of the city of Detroit.

Mr. Whitney gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend the charter of the city of Lansing.

Mr. Hatzenbuehler gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to amend sections 1 and 2 of chapter 4 of an act entitled "An act to provide a charter for the city of Detroit, and to repeal all acts and parts of acts in conflict therewith," as amended by the several acts amendatory thereof, approved June 7, 1883.

Mr. Cheever gave notice that at some future day he would ask leave to introduce

A bill to repeal act No. 42 of the public acts of 1846, entitled "An act to authorize the sale of the Central Railroad and to incorporate the Michigan Central Railroad Company," approved March 28, 1846, as amended by act No. 179 of the public acts of 1893, being "An act to repeal section 32 and to amend section 33 of an act entitled 'An act to authorize the sale of the Central Railroad,' approved May 21, 1893, and all amendments thereto and all other acts or parts of acts amending or modifying said act No. 42 of the laws of 1846, and said act No. 179 of the laws of 1893, and relating to the incorporation of the Michigan Central Railroad Company and authorizing the incorporation of said railroad company under the general railroad laws of this State; and to adjust any claim for damages by reason of such appeal and to provide for the compensation by the State to said Michigan Central Railroad Company for all damages sustained by reason of the repealing of said charter and providing means for such compensation by issuing bonds or otherwise.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

Mr. McCallum, unanimous consent being given, introduced
House bill No. 705, entitled

A bill to amend sections 10, 11, 18, 19, 21, 22, 23, 24, 29 and 30 of act No. 206 of the public acts of 1893, as amended, entitled "An act to provide for the assessment of property and the levy and collection of taxes thereon, and for the collection of taxes heretofore and hereafter levied, making such taxes a lien on the lands taxed, establishing and continuing such lien, providing for the sale and conveyance of lands delinquent for taxes, and for the inspection and disposition of lands bid off to the State and not redeemed or purchased, and to repeal act No. 200 of the public acts of 1891, and all other acts and parts of acts in anywise contravening any of the provisions of this act, and to add thereto 17 new sections to be known as sections 17a, 17b, 17c, 17d, 17e, 17f, 17g, 18a, 18b, 22a, 23a, 23b, 23c, 23d, 23e, 118a and 144, and to repeal all acts or parts of acts in anywise contravening the provisions of this act."

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. McCallum,

The bill was laid on the table.

On motion of McCallum,

One thousand copies were ordered printed for the use of the House.

Mr. Fleischhauer, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 706, entitled

A bill to amend sections 1 and 7 of act No. 111 of the public acts of 1889, entitled "An act to protect fish, and to regulate fishing in the waters of this State, by providing close seasons for certain kinds of fish, by prohibiting the catching of fish of certain sizes and in certain waters, and for certain purposes, by prohibiting the obstruction of the free passage of fish and by prohibiting the sale of certain kinds of fish, to protect persons engaged in fish culture and to repeal inconsistent acts."

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Fleischhauer,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Fleischhauer, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 707, entitled

A bill to amend section 2 of act No. 180 of the session laws of 1897, entitled "An act to provide for the protection of the reputation and good name of certain persons."

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Fleischhauer,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Laflamboy, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 708, entitled

A bill to provide for the submission to the qualified electors of the county of Montcalm, in the State of Michigan, the question of the relief of George Douglass, ex-treasurer of said county, from liability on account of the loss of county funds occasioned through the failure of the City

National Bank of the city of Greenville, Michigan, and the bank of C. W. Chapin & Company of the city of Stanton, Michigan.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Laflamboy,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Pearson, unanimous consent being given, introduced
House bill No. 709, entitled

A bill to amend chapter 6 of act No. 243, session laws of 1881, entitled "An act to revise and consolidate the laws relating to the establishment, opening, improvement and maintenance of highways and private roads, and the building, repairing and preservation of bridges within this State."

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Pearson,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Heck, unanimous consent being given, introduced
House bill No. 710, entitled

A bill to require adequate water supply, sewerage and drainage to all slaughter houses in or within one mile of any city.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and referred to the committee on City Corporations.

Mr. Murdoch, unanimous consent being given, introduced
House bill No. 711, entitled

A bill to amend sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 of act No. 28 of the public acts of 1887, entitled "An act to provide for the appointment of a fish and game warden, and to prescribe his powers and duties," as amended by act No. 101 of the public acts of 1893.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Murdoch,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Gillam, unanimous consent being given, introduced
House bill No. 712, entitled

A bill to provide for a geological survey of Alcona county, and to make appropriation therefor.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Gillam,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Gustin, unanimous consent being given, introduced
House bill No. 713, entitled

A bill to provide for a union school district in Gustin township.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Gustin,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Gustin, unanimous consent being given, introduced
House bill No. 714, entitled

A bill to vacate the townships of Mitchell, Millen, Haynes, Hawes, Al-

cona, Caledonia, Harrisville, Mikado, Greenbush, Curtis and Gustin, in the county of Alcona.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Gustin,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Gustin, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 715, entitled

A bill to provide for the sale of State tax lands.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Gustin,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Gustin, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 716, entitled

A bill to provide for a State forestry, and to make appropriation therefor.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Gustin,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Gustin, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 717, entitled

A bill to provide for additional compensation for all volunteer soldiers and sailors enlisted from this State, in the American-Spanish war, and to make appropriation therefor.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Gustin,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Gustin, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 718, entitled

A bill to regulate the sale of cheese in this State, and to provide for a cheese inspector.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Gustin,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Gustin, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 719, entitled

A bill to provide for the relief of State tax homesteaders.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Gustin,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Gustin, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 720, entitled

A bill to amend sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, and 54 of act No. 206 of the public acts of 1897, being an act entitled "An act to provide for the assessment of property and the levy and

collection of taxes thereon, and for the collection of taxes heretofore and hereafter levied, making such taxes a lien on the lands taxed, establishing and continuing such lien; providing for the sale and conveyance of lands delinquent for taxes, and for the inspection and disposition of lands bid off to the State and not redeemed or purchased; and to repeal act No. 200 of the public acts of 1891, and all other acts and parts of acts in anywise contravening any of the provisions of this act."

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Gustin,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Gustin, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 721, entitled

A bill to authorize the Governor to appoint a commission to negotiate with the United States government for the purpose of ceding to the United States government the jurisdiction and control over fisheries in Lake Superior, Lake Michigan, Lake Huron, Lake St. Clair and Lake Erie, and the rivers connecting said lakes, and empowering the Governor to cede said fisheries to the United States.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Gustin,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Gustin, unanimous consent being given introduced

House bill No. 722, entitled

A bill to amend section 6 of act No. 126 of the public acts of 1875, being an act entitled "An act to amend chapter 40 of the compiled laws of 1871, entitled 'Brokers and exchange dealers, being an act relative to brokers and exchange dealers,'" approved February 11, 1859, by adding two new sections thereto to stand as sections 6 and 7 of said act.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Private Corporations.

Mr. Stewart, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 723, entitled

A bill to amend sections 3, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 11 of act No. 393 of the local acts of 1885, entitled "An act to establish a board of building inspectors in and for the city of Detroit, and to define its powers and duties."

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee.

On motion of Mr. Stewart,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Stewart, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 724, entitled

A bill to provide for the assessment and levy of taxes upon the property of railroad companies, express companies, telegraph companies and telephone companies, and the collection thereof, and the designation and election of a State Board of Assessors to make such assessment and levy, and defining the duties of such board and the compensation of its members; and to repeal all other acts or parts of acts, whether in the acts for the incorporation of union railroad station and depot grounds or any other law of this State, so far as such acts or parts of acts are inconsistent

with this act and no further; and to apply the taxes assessed and collected under this bill to pay "the interest upon the primary school, university and other educational funds and the interest and principal of the State debt, in the order herein recited, until the extinguishment of the State debt other than amounts due to educational funds, when such taxes to be collected under this act to be added to and constitute a part of the primary school interest fund."

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Stewart,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Davis, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 725, entitled

A bill to provide for the prevention and punishment of bicycle stealing.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Davis, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 726, entitled

A bill to amend section 2 of act No. 48 of the public acts of 1897, entitled "An act to provide for the encouragement of the manufacture of beet sugar, and to provide a compensation therefor, and to make an appropriation therefor."

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on State Affairs.

Mr. Chamberlain, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 727, entitled

A bill to provide for the assessment and levy of taxes upon the property of railroad companies, express companies, telegraph companies and telephone companies, and the collection thereof, and the designation and election of a State board of review, to equalize such assessment and levy, and defining the duties of such board, and the compensation of its members, and to repeal all other acts or parts of acts, whether in the acts for the incorporation of union railroad station and depot grounds, or any other law of this State, so far as such acts or parts of acts are inconsistent with this act and no further; and to apply the taxes assessed and collected under this bill to pay "the interest upon the primary school, university and other educational funds, and the interest and principal of the State debt, in the order herein recited, until the extinguishment of the State debt, other than amounts due to educational funds, when such taxes to be collected under this act be added to and constitute a part of the primary school district fund."

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Chamberlain,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Lagers, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 728, entitled

A bill to authorize the common council of the village of Spring Lake in the county of Ottawa to allow the account of Lucius Lyman for mechanical work done by him upon the village engine house and town hall, in said village of Spring Lake, in the year 1893.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Lagers,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Aldrich, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 729, entitled

A bill to prohibit every kind of show, exhibition or performance in the nature of amusement, the same being for profit, on the first day of the week, commonly called Sunday.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on City Corporations.

Mr. Gray, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 730, entitled

A bill to create a board of commissioners for the purpose of securing for use in certain of the common or primary schools of the State of Michigan, a uniform series of free text-books, to fix the maximum price to be charged for said books, and to make an appropriation for carrying out the provisions of this act.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Education.

Mr. Cheever, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House joint resolution No. 731, entitled

Joint resolution for paying the expense of the commissioner for the promotion of uniformity of legislation in the United States, appointed by the Governor of this State, by authority and direction of concurrent resolution No. 7 of the laws of 1891.

The joint resolution was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Cheever, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 732, entitled

A bill to establish a State homeopathic college of medicine in the city of Detroit.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Public Health.

Mr. Cheever, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 733, entitled

A bill to repeal an act entitled "An act for the establishment of a homeopathic medical department of the University of Michigan," approved April 27, 1875, being compiler's sections 4932 and 4933 of Howell's annotated statutes.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Public Health.

Mr. Woodruff, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 734, entitled

A bill to change the boundaries of school district numbers 1 and 3 in the township of Union, county of Isabella, and State of Michigan.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Woodruff,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Woodruff, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 735, entitled

A bill to amend section 1 of act No. 175 of the public acts of 1897, entitled "An act to fix the relations of the existing normal schools of the State," approved May 29, 1897.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Normal Schools.

Mr. Woodruff, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 736, entitled

A bill to allow John E. Myer of Shepherd, Michigan, to capture deer within the State of Michigan for breeding purposes.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Fisheries and Game.

Mr. Woodruff, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 737, entitled

A bill to amend act No. 198 of the session laws of 1877, entitled "An act to provide for a tax upon dogs and to create a fund for the payment of certain damages for sheep killed or wounded by them in certain cases," approved May 23, 1877, as amended by act No. 283 of the public acts of 1881, approved June 11, 1881, and amended by act No. 179 of the public act of 1895 approved May 21, 1895, by adding four new sections thereto to stand as sections 11, 12, 13 and 14.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Towns and Counties.

Mr. Caldwell, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House joint resolution No. 738, entitled

Joint resolution authorizing the Commissioner of the State Land office to deed to Arthur J. Searle, of Williamston, the west half of the north-east quarter of section 27, of town 19 north, of range 6 west.

The joint resolution was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on General Taxation.

Mr. Cheever (by request), unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 739, entitled

A bill to establish a homeopathic medical college in Detroit.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Public Health.

Mr. Anderson, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 740, entitled

A bill to repeal act No. 135 of the session laws of 1895, entitled "An act to provide for the holding of primaries in cities of not less than 15,000 inhabitants and not over 150,000 inhabitants, and to punish fraud thereon, and by delegates elected thereat and the corruption and attempted corruption of such delegates."

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Elections.

Mr. McCallum moved that,

House bill No. 545, entitled

A bill to amend the title to and sections 10, 11, 18, 19, 21, 22, 23, 24, 29 and 30 of act No. 206 of the public acts of 1893, as amended, entitled "An act to provide for the assessment of property and the levy and collection of taxes thereon, and for the collection of taxes heretofore and hereafter levied, making such taxes a lien on the lands taxed, establishing and continuing such lien, providing for the sale and conveyance of lands

delinquent for taxes, and for the inspection and disposition of lands bid off to the State and not redeemed or purchased, and to repeal act No. 200 of the public acts of 1891, and all other acts and parts of acts in anywise contravening any of the provisions of this act," and to add thereto 38 new sections, to be known as sections 17a, 17b, 17c, 17d, 17e, 17f, 17g, 17h, 17i, 17j, 17k, 17l, 17m, 17n, 17o, 17p, 17q, 17r, 17s, 17t, 17u, 17v, 17w, 17x, 17y, 17z, 17a1, 17a2, 18a, 18b, 22a, 23a, 23b, 23c, 23d, 23e, 118a and 144, and to repeal all acts or parts of acts in anywise contravening the provisions of this act."

Be printed for the use of the House, and that 1,000 copies of the same be printed.

On motion of Mr. Dudley,

The House adjourned.

REPRESENTATIVE HALL, LANSING,

Tuesday, February 21, 1899.

The House met pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Seasholes.

Roll called: quorum present.

Absent without leave: Messrs. Dingley, Hall, Laflamboy, Murphy, Pack, Wing.

On motion of Mr. Duff,

Leave of absence was granted to all absentees for the day.

On motion of Mr. McKay,

Leave of absence was granted to Mr. Murphy indefinitely.

On motion of Mr. Bryan,

Leave of absence was granted to the special committee on Detroit House of Correction for Thursday and Friday next.

On motion of Mr. Hammond,

Leave of absence was granted to himself for the day.

On motion of Mr. Scully,

Leave of absence was granted to himself until Saturday next.

On motion of Mr. McLeod,

Leave of absence was granted to himself until Saturday next.

On motion of Mr. Cheever,

Leave of absence was granted to himself until Saturday next.

On motion of Mr. Hofmeister,

Leave of absence was granted to himself until Saturday next.

On motion of Mr. Gordon,

Leave of absence was granted to himself until Saturday next.

On motion of Mr. Mason,

Leave of absence was granted to himself for the day.

On motion of Mr. Dickinson,

Leave of absence was granted to himself until Saturday next.

On motion of Mr. Nash,

Leave of absence was granted to himself until Saturday next.

On motion of Mr. Heineman,

Leave of absence was granted indefinitely to himself.

On motion of Mr. Stewart,

Leave of absence was granted to himself until Saturday next.

On motion of Mr. Colvin,

Leave of absence was granted to himself until Saturday next.

The Speaker announced the following:

Hon. E. J. Adams, Speaker:

I hereby tender my resignation as a member of the special committee appointed to investigate the State printing contract.

Yours truly,

GEO. P. M'CALLUM.

The Speaker announced that the resignation had been accepted, and that Mr. Oberdorffer had been appointed to fill the vacancy on the committee.

BILLS PRESENTED TO THE GOVERNOR.

By the Clerk:

I have to report that I have this day enrolled, compared and presented to the Governor,

House bill No. 98, entitled

An act to provide for two voting precincts in the township of Sault Ste. Marie, in the county of Chippewa, and the conduct of elections thereat.

In accordance with the rules and order of the House: the receipt for the same being dated 1:55 o'clock p. m., February 21, 1899.

LEWIS M. MILLER,

Clerk of the House.

By the Clerk:

I have to report that I have this day enrolled, compared and presented to the Governor,

House bill No. 51, entitled

An act to provide an additional voting precinct in the township of Holmes, county of Menominee, to be known as voting precinct No. 3.

In accordance with the rules and order of the House: the receipt for the same being dated 1:55 o'clock p. m., February 21, 1899.

LEWIS M. MILLER,

Clerk of the House.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS.

No. 87. By Mr. Cheever: Resolutions of the Republican county convention relative to pending legislation.

Referred to the special joint committee on Taxation.

No. 88. By Mr. Murdoch: Petition of G. E. Davis and 49 others for the repeal of the close season for fishing in the waters bordering this State.

Referred to the committee on Fisheries and Game.

No. 89. By Mr. Niedermeier: Petition of G. Rouson and 75 others for an open season for fishing in Wayne and Monroe counties.

Referred to the committee on Fisheries and Game.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

By the committee on Towns and Counties:

The committee on Towns and Counties, to whom was referred

House bill No. 567, entitled

A bill to authorize the village of Elkton, in the county of Huron, and State of Michigan, to borrow money with which to encourage and promote the building and operation of a factory for the manufacture and refining of sugar from beets, or any other public improvement for said village.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, without amendment and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

C. E. WHITNEY,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

Pending the order that the bill be printed, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order,

On motion of Mr. Murdoch,

The rules were suspended, two-thirds of all the members present voting therefor, and the bill was put upon its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Aldrich	Mr. Gillette	Mr. Oberdorffer
Alward	Goodell	Pearson
Anderson	Gordon	Randall
Baumgaertner	Handy	Read, J. H.
Brownell	Hart	Reed, G. W.
Bryan	Heck	Reed, W. A.
Burch	Herrig	Robinson
Burdick	Hofmeister	Rulison
Burfoot	Keep	Schmidt
Buskirk	Kerr	Shepherd
Caldwell	Kingott	Shisler
Carton	Locher	Soper
Chamberlain	Lugers	Sutherland
Chandler	Lusk	Taziman
Cheever	McCall	Van Camp
Colby	McCallum	Waterbury
Colvin	McKay	Watters
Crosby	Miller	Wayne
Doyle	Murdoch	Whitney
Eikhoff	Nash	Wood
Fleischhauer	Nevins	Woodruff
Foster	Niedermeier	Speaker
Gillam		

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NAYS.

Mr. Stumpenhusen

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Murdoch,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

By the committee on Towns and Counties:

The committee on Towns and Counties, to whom was referred
House bill No. 381, entitled

A bill to amend sections 1, 3 and 30 of act No. 156 of the public acts of 1851, entitled "An act to define the powers and duties of the boards of supervisors of the several counties and to confer upon them certain local administrative and legislative powers," and acts amendatory thereof, the same being sections 473, 475 and 502 of Howell's annotated statutes of the State of Michigan.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to request of the House that the bill be printed for the use of the committee.

C. E. WHITNEY,
Chairman.

Report accepted.

The question being on ordering the bill printed for the use of the committee,

The House so ordered.

By the committee on Towns and Counties:

The committee on Towns and Counties, to whom was referred
House bill No. 566, entitled

A bill to authorize the township of Oliver, in the county of Huron and State of Michigan, to borrow money with which to encourage and promote the building and operation of a factory for the manufacture and refining of sugar from beets or any other public improvement for the benefit of said township.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

C. E. WHITNEY,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

Pending the order that the bill be printed, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order,

On motion of Mr. Murdoch,

The rules were suspended, two-thirds of all the members present voting therefor, and the bill was put upon its immediate passage.

The bill having been read a third time, and the question being upon its passage, pending the taking of the vote thereon,

Mr. Gray moved that the bill be referred to the committee on Judiciary.
Which motion did not prevail.

The bill was then passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Aldrich
Anderson
Babcock

Mr. Goodell
Goodrich
Goodyear

Mr. Niedermeier
Obercorffer
Pearson

Mr. Baumgärtner	Mr. Gordon	Mr. Randall
Brownell	Hammond	Reed, G. W.
Bryan	Hart	Reed, W. A.
Burch	Hatzenbuehler	Robinson
Burdick	Heck	Rulison
Burfoot	Herrig	Schmidt
Caldwell	Hofmeister	Shepherd
Carton	Keep	Shisler
Chamberlain	Kerr	Soper
Chandler	Kingott	Sutherland
Cheever	Locher	Taziman
Colby	Lugers	Van Camp
Collins	Lusk	Watters
Crosby	McCallum	Wayne
Doyle	McKay	Wheeler
Dudley	McLeod	Whitney
Fleischhauer	Miller	Wood
Foster	Murdoch	Woodruff
Gillam	Nevins	Speaker
Gillette		

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Mr. Stumpfenhusen

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Murdoch,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

By the committee on Towns and Counties:

The committee on Towns and Counties, to whom was referred

House bill No. 346, entitled

A bill to provide for the filing of a copy of the minutes made by surveyors or civil engineers in the subdivision of all lands within the State.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to request of the House that the bill be printed for the use of the committee.

C. E. WHITNEY,

Chairman.

Report accepted.

The question being on ordering the bill printed for the use of the committee,

The House so ordered.

By the committee on Towns and Counties:

The committee on Towns and Counties, to whom was referred

House bill No. 282, entitled

A bill to vacate the village of Ewen, in the county of Ontonagon.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

C. E. WHITNEY,

Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

Pending the order that the bill be printed, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order,

On motion of Mr. Chamberlain,

The rules were suspended, two-thirds of all the members present voting therefor, and the bill was put upon its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor. by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Aldrich	Mr. Gillam	Mr. Murdoch
Anderson	Gillette	Niedermeier
Babcock	Goodell	Oberdorffer
Baumgaertner	Goodrich	Pearson
Brownell	Goodyear	Randall
Bryan	Hammond	Read, J. H.
Burch	Handy	Reed, G. W.
Burdick	Hatzenbuehler	Reed, W. A.
Buskirk	Heck	Rulison
Caldwell	Heineman	Schmidt
Carton	Hofmeister	Scully
Chamberlain	Howell	Shepherd
Chandler	Keep	Shisler
Cheever	Kerr	Soper
Colby	Kingott	Stumpenhusen
Collins	Locher	Taziman
Colvin	Lugers	Watters
Crosby	Lusk	Weier
Davis	McCall	Wheeler
Doyle	McCallum	Whitney
Dudley	McKay	Wood
Duff	McLeod	Woodruff
Eikhoff	Miller	Speaker

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Chamberlain,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

By the committee on Towns and Counties:

The committee on Towns and Counties, to whom was referred

House bill No. 123, entitled

A bill to require township boards of Wayne county to make and publish annually an itemized statement of the condition of the finances of the township in relation to the receipts and disbursements made by the township board, and to repeal all acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, without

amendment and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

C. E. WHITNEY,

Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Whitney,

The bill was laid on the table.

By the committee on State Affairs:

The committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred

House bill No. 680, entitled

A bill to regulate commerce.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration and have directed me to request of the House that the bill be printed for the use of the committee.

HENRY L. WOOD,

Chairman.

Report accepted.

The question being on ordering the bill printed for the use of the committee,

The House so ordered.

By the committee on Judiciary:

The committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred

House bill No. 94, entitled

A bill to change the names of Thomas Wager and Edna Wager.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, without amendment and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

F. SHEPHERD,

Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on Judiciary:

The committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred

House bill No. 9, entitled

A bill concerning proceedings against concealed, absent and non-resident defendants in chancery, and to amend section 80 of chapter 176 of the compiled laws of 1871, being section 6670 of Howell's annotated statutes of the State of Michigan, as amended.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, with amendments thereto, recommending that the amendments be concurred in, and that the bill when so amended do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

F. SHEPHERD,

Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The question being on concurring in the amendments made by the committee to the bill,

The House concurred.

The bill was then ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on Judiciary:

The committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred

House bill No. 83, entitled

A bill to amend act No. 428 of the local acts of the year 1897, being an act entitled "An act providing for the appointment, fixing the compensation and defining the duties of stenographer for the probate court for the county of Lapeer, and for the taking and transcribing of testimony on examination of persons charged with criminal offenses in the county of Lapeer," approved May 7, 1897.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, with amendments thereto, recommending that the amendments be concurred in, and that the bill when so amended do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

F. SHEPHERD,

Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The question being on concurring in the amendments made by the committee to the bill,

The House concurred.

The bill was then ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR.

The Speaker announced the following:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Lansing, February 21, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I have this day approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State, House bill No. 40, being an act for the protection of fish in the lakes known as Eagle lake, in the townships of Bloomingdale and Cheshire, in the counties of Van Buren and Allegan, and the lakes known as Pugsley's lake and Four-mile lake, in the township of Paw Paw, in the county of Van Buren, for a period of ten years.

Respectfully,

H. S. PINGREE,
Governor.

The message was ordered spread on the Journal.

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.

The Speaker announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, February 20, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House the following bill:

House bill No. 399, entitled

A bill to provide for the submission to the qualified electors of the township of Nottawa, in the county of Isabella, in the State of Michigan, the question of the relief of Charles A. Hibbrelin, treasurer of the township of Nottawa, in said county, from liability on account of loss of township funds, through the failure of the Peoples' Saving Bank of Mt. Pleasant.

In the passage of which the Senate has concurred by a majority vote of all the Senators elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect has ordered the same to take immediate effect.

Very respectfully,

CHARLES S. PIERCE,

Secretary of the Senate.

The bill was referred for enrollment and presentation to the Governor, under the rules.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,

Lansing, February 20, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House the following bill:

House bill No. 398, entitled

A bill to provide for the submission to the qualified electors of the township of Deerfield, in the county of Isabella, in the State of Michigan, the question of the relief of Alvah D. Weston, treasurer of the township of Deerfield, in said county, from liability on account of the loss of township funds, occasioned through the failure of the Peoples' Savings Bank, of Mt. Pleasant.

In the passage of which the Senate has concurred by a majority vote of all the Senators elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect has ordered the same to take immediate effect.

Very respectfully,

CHARLES S. PIERCE,

Secretary of the Senate.

The bill was referred for enrollment and presentation to the Governor, under the rules.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,

Lansing, February 20, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House the following bill:

House bill No. 397, entitled

A bill to provide for the submission to the qualified electors of the township of Broomfield, in the county of Isabella, State of Michigan, the question of the relief of Henry D. Wright, treasurer of the township of Broomfield, in said county, from liability on account of the loss of township funds, occasioned through the failure of the Peoples' Savings Bank of Mt. Pleasant.

In the passage of which the Senate has concurred by a majority vote

of all the Senators elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect has ordered the same to take immediate effect.

Very respectfully,

CHARLES S. PIERCE,

Secretary of the Senate.

The bill was referred for enrollment and presentation to the Governor, under the rules.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,

Lansing, February 20, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House the following bill:

House bill No. 42, entitled

A bill to authorize the board of supervisors of Roscommon county, State of Michigan, to issue not to exceed ten thousand dollars of bonds for the purpose of paying matured orders and existing indebtedness.

In the passage of which the Senate has concurred by a majority vote of all the Senators elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect has ordered the same to take immediate effect.

Very respectfully,

CHARLES S. PIERCE,

Secretary of the Senate.

The bill was referred for enrollment and presentation to the Governor, under the rules.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,

Lansing, February 20, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed by the Senate to transmit to the House the following bill:

Senate bill No. 156, entitled

A bill to legalize the action of the board of supervisors of Saginaw county in detaching certain territory from the township of Zilwaukee and attaching the same to the township of Buena Vista in said county.

Which has passed the Senate by a majority vote of all the Senators elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect has been ordered to take immediate effect, and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

CHARLES S. PIERCE,

Secretary of the Senate.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Baumgaertner,

The rules were suspended, two-thirds of all the members present voting therefor, and the bill was put upon its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Alward	Mr. Goodyear	Mr. Pearson
Anderson	Gray	Randall
Babcock	Gustin	Read, J. H.
Baumgaertner	Hammond	Reed, G. W.
Brownell	Handy	Reed, W. A.
Bryan	Hart	Robinson
Burch	Hatzenbuehler	Rulison
Burdick	Heck	Schmidt
Burfoot	Herrig	Scully
Buskirk	Hofmeister	Shepherd
Caldwell	Keep	Shisler
Carton	Kingott	Soper
Chamberlain	Locher	Stumpenhusen
Chandler	Lugers	Sutherland
Cheever	McCall	Taziman
Colby	McCallum	Van Camp
Colvin	McKay	Waterbury
Crosby	McLean	Watters
Davis	McLeod	Wayne
Doyle	Miller	Weier
Dudley	Murdoch	Wheeler
Eikhoff	Nash	Whitney
Gillam	Nevins	Wood
Gillette	Niedermeier	Woodruff
Goodell	Oberdorffer	Speaker
Goodrich		

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Baumgaertner,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

Mr. Kelly, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 741, entitled

A bill for the preservation of moose and elk, and to provide a penalty therefor.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Fisheries and Game.

Mr. Kelly, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 742, entitled

A bill to amend section 2 of act No. 86 of the public acts of 1897, entitled "An act for the protection of certain fur bearing animals."

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and referred to the committee on Fisheries and Game.

Mr. Kelly, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 743, entitled

A bill to provide for the compensation of county game and fish wardens.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Fisheries and Game.

Mr. Kelly, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 744, entitled

A bill to provide for additional powers vested in the board of supervisors for the county of Muskegon.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Towns and Counties.

Mr. Kelly, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 745, entitled

A bill to provide for the election of but one justice of the peace in the city of Muskegon, and to fill vacancies in said office, and to give to said city all the fines imposed by said justice, and the fees and earnings of said office, and to fix a salary for said justice, and to repeal all acts and parts of acts inconsistent with or contravening this act.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on City Corporations.

Mr. Weier, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 746, entitled

A bill to amend section 11 of chapter 26 of act No. 215 of the public acts of the State of Michigan for the year 1895, entitled "An act to provide for the incorporation of cities of the fourth class."

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on City Corporations.

Mr. Weier, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 747, entitled

A bill to amend section 8 of chapter 27 of act No. 215 of the public acts of the State of Michigan for the year 1895, entitled "An act to provide for the incorporation of cities of the fourth class."

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on City Corporations.

Mr. Weier, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 748, entitled

A bill to provide for the payment of justices of the peace in Monroe City.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on City Corporations.

Mr. Weier, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 749, entitled

A bill to provide for the collection and settlement of delinquent taxes assessed prior to the year 1896.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on General Taxation.

Mr. Weier, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 750, entitled

A bill to amend section 1 of act No. 151 of the public acts of the State of Michigan for the year 1897, entitled "An act to regulate the catching of fish in the waters of this State by the use of pound or trap nets, gill nets, seines and other apparatus."

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Fisheries and Game.

Mr. Weier, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 751, entitled

A bill to amend act No. 206 of the public acts of 1893, entitled "An act

to provide for the assessment of property and the levy and collection of taxes thereon, and for the collection of taxes heretofore and hereafter levied, making such tax a lien on the lands taxed, establishing and continuing such lien, providing for the sale and conveyance of lands delinquent for taxes, and for the inspection and disposition of lands bid off to the State and not redeemed or purchased; and to repeal act No. 200 of the public acts of 1891, and all other acts and parts of acts in anywise contravening any of the provisions of this act."

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on General Taxation.

Mr. McKay, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 752, entitled

A bill to amend section 1 of chapter 83 of the revised statutes of 1846, entitled "Of marriage and the solemnization thereof," being section 8588 of the compiled laws of 1897.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

Mr. McKay, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 753, entitled

A bill to amend section 5 of act No. 196 of the public acts of 1893, being an act entitled "An act to regulate the possession, use, transportation and sale of fish and game."

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Fisheries and Game.

Mr. McCallum, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 754, entitled

A bill to provide for the relief of William A. Foss, formerly treasurer of the city of Gladstone, in the county of Delta and State of Michigan, and his sureties on his official bond, from liability on account of the loss of city funds, through the failure of the bank.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. McCallum,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. McCallum, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 755, entitled

A bill to authorize the board of education of the city of Escanaba, county of Delta and State of Michigan, to borrow money and issue bonds, in the sum of \$15,000, to be used in the erection of a school building in the city, and in the purchase of a site therefor.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Local Taxation.

Mr. McCallum, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 756, entitled

A bill to vacate the township of Limestone, in the county of Alger, and to incorporate its territory within the township of Matthias, in said county.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Towns and Counties.

Mr. McCallum, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 757, entitled

A bill to vacate the township of Au Train, in the county of Alger, and to incorporate its territory within the township of Munising, in said county.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Towns and Counties.

Mr. McCallum, unanimous consent being given, introduced
House bill No. 758, entitled

A bill to vacate the township of Rock River, in the county of Alger, and to incorporate its territory within the township of Onota, in said county.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Towns and Counties.

Mr. McCallum, unanimous consent being given, introduced
House bill No. 759, entitled

A bill to detach certain territory from the township of Munising, in the county of Alger, and to attach the same to the township of Burt, in the county of Alger.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Towns and Counties.

Mr. Moore, unanimous consent being given, introduced
House bill No. 760, entitled

A bill to detach certain territory in the townships of China, East China and St. Clair, in the county of St. Clair, from fractional union school district number 1, of the city of St. Clair, in said county of St. Clair, so as to make the boundaries of the union school district of said city of St. Clair coincide with the boundaries of the city of St. Clair.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Moore,
The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Moore, unanimous consent being given, introduced
House bill No. 761, entitled

A bill to provide for the joint construction on the part of the townships of Casco and Columbus, in the county of St. Clair, of a bridge over Belle river, in said county of St. Clair.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Moore,
The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Locher, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 762, entitled
A bill to amend the charter of the city of Belding.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Locher,
The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. McLean, unanimous consent being given, introduced
House bill No. 763, entitled

A bill to authorize the common council of Bay City to borrow money with which to pay certain water works bonds heretofore issued.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Local Taxation.

Mr. McLean, unanimous consent being given, introduced
House bill No. 764, entitled

A bill to amend section 2 of act number 48 of the public acts of 1897,

entitled "An act to provide for the encouragement of the manufacture of beet sugar, and to provide a compensation therefor, and to make an appropriation therefor."

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on State Affairs.

Mr. McLean, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 765, entitled

A bill to provide for the location, establishment and organization of an additional asylum for the insane.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on State Affairs.

Mr. McLean, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 766, entitled

A bill to amend section 106 and section 166 of act number 448 of the local acts of 1897, entitled "An act to revise and amend act number 346 of the local acts of 1881, entitled 'An act to revise an act to incorporate the city of Bay City,'" approved March 30, 1881, as amended and revised by the several acts amendatory and revisionary thereof.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on City Corporations.

Mr. McLean, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 767, entitled

A bill to provide salary of the circuit court commissioners of Bay county.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Towns and Counties.

Mr. McLean, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 768, entitled

A bill to amend section 4 of act No. 448 of the local acts of 1897, entitled "An act to revise and amend act No. 346 of the local acts of 1881, entitled 'An act to revise an act to incorporate the city of Bay City,'" approved March 30, 1881, as amended and revised by the several acts amendatory and revisionary thereof.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on City Corporations.

Mr. McLean, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 769, entitled

A bill to provide for the retiring and pensioning of policemen and police officers in the city of Bay City, after a continuous service of twenty-five years.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on City Corporations.

Mr. McLean, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 770, entitled

A bill to provide for the retirement of aged and disabled firemen and the payment of pensions to the wives and children of deceased firemen killed in the service of the city of Bay City.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on City Corporations.

Mr. McLean, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 771, entitled

A bill to repeal act number 432 of the State of Michigan of the year 1895, entitled "An act to authorize the Board of Supervisors of Bay county to fix the compensation to be paid to members of committees of said board, for committee work done by its order," and act number 449 of the year 1897, entitled "An act to amend section 1 of an act entitled 'An act to authorize the Board of Supervisors of Bay county to fix the compensation to be paid to members of committees of said board for committee work done by its order,'" being act number 432 of the local acts of the year 1895.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and referred to the committee on Towns and Counties.

Mr. McLean, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 772, entitled

A bill to repeal act No. 318 of the local acts of the State of Michigan of the year 1895, entitled "An act to authorize the Board of Supervisors of the county of Bay to provide compensation for the clerical work in the office of the county clerk of said county," approved March 8, 1895.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Towns and Counties.

Mr. Gillette, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 773, entitled

A bill to amend section 1 of act No. 145 of the public acts of 1887, entitled "An act to regulate the use of steam engines, steam wagons or other vehicles, which are in whole or in part operated by steam, on the public highways of this State, and to prohibit the blowing of steam whistles upon the public highways of this State."

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and referred to the committee on Agriculture.

Mr. Duff, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 774, entitled

A bill to repeal section 12 of act No. 30 of the session laws of the State of Michigan, A. D. 1891.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Revision and Amendment of the Statutes.

Mr. Duff, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 775, entitled

A bill to provide for the election of an extra circuit judge for the 31st judicial circuit of Michigan.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Duff, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 776, entitled

A bill to provide for the examination and licensing of barbers.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Watters, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 777, entitled

A bill to amend section 5 of act No. 152 of the public acts of 1893, entitled "An act to provide for the taxation of persons, copartnerships, associations, car loaning companies, corporations and fast freight lines, engaged in the business of running cars over any of the railroads of this State, and not being exclusively the property of any railroad company

paying taxes on their gross receipts," being section 1236e of Howell's annotated statutes.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Watters,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Handy, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 778, entitled

A bill to vacate the township of Mastodon, in the county of Iron, and to incorporate its territory within the township of Crystal Falls.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Towns and Counties.

Mr. Handy, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 779, entitled

A bill to declare certain election days legal holidays.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Handy, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 780, entitled

A bill to provide for the election of the board of education in the school district of the township of Crystal Falls, Iron county, Michigan, in July.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Handy,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Handy, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 781, entitled

A bill to incorporate the city of Crystal Falls, in Iron County.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Handy,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Handy, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 782, entitled

A bill to amend section 1 of act No. 124 of the session laws of 1865, entitled "An act to designate the holidays to be observed in the acceptance and payment of bills of exchange and promissory notes, in the holding of courts, and relative to the continuance of suits," as amended by act No. 185 of the public acts of 1893, the same being section 4880 of the compiled laws of 1897.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Handy,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Wood, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 783, entitled

A bill to provide for the collection, arrangement and display of the manufactures, arts and products of the State of Michigan, at the Ohio Centennial and Northwest Territory Exposition, providing for the appointment of a commission to prepare plans for, and supervise the same, and report to the next general assembly, and declaring an emergency.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Wood,
The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Wood, previous notice having been given and leave being granted,
introduced

House bill No. 784, entitled

A bill to incorporate the city of Ithaca, and to repeal act No. 356 of the local acts of the year 1887, entitled "An act to incorporate the village of Ithaca, Gratiot county," approved February 22, 1887.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Wood,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Duff, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 785, entitled

A bill to make attorneys and counselors at law liable for costs in certain cases.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Wood, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 786, entitled

A bill to amend section 17 of act No. 313 of the public acts of 1887, entitled "An act to provide for the taxation and regulation of the business of manufacturing, selling, keeping for sale, furnishing, giving or delivering spirituous and intoxicating liquors, and malt, brewed or fermented liquors and vinous liquors in this State, and to repeal all acts or parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act," being section 2283e of Howell's annotated statutes.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Wood,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Gordon, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 787, entitled

A bill authorizing the warden of the State House of Correction and branch of the State Prison in the Upper Peninsula to employ convicts in the quarrying, breaking and crushing of stone for street and highway purposes.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Gordon,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Gordon, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 788, entitled

A bill to provide for the licensing of department stores.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Gordon,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Gordon, previous notice having been given and leave being granted,
introduced

House bill No. 789, entitled

A bill to provide for the reincorporation of electric railroads whose lines are not contained within the incorporated limits of cities or villages, under

the provisions of the general law for the incorporation of railroad companies.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Gordon,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Goodyear, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 790, entitled

A bill to enlarge the district boundaries of the public schools of the village of Gaines.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Village Corporations.

Mr. Oberdorffer, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 791, entitled

A bill to provide for refunding of purchase money in certain cases, when deeds for State tax lands are set aside or canceled.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Oberdorffer,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Murdoch, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 792, entitled

A bill to amend section 13 of chapter 81 of the revised statutes of 1846, entitled "Of fraudulent conveyances and contracts relative to goods, chattels and things in action," being section 9526 of the compiled laws of 1897.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Revision and Amendment of the Statutes.

Mr. Murdoch, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 793, entitled

A bill to amend section 1 of act No. 313 of the public acts of 1887, entitled "An act to provide for the taxation and regulation of the business of manufacturing, selling, keeping for sale, giving or delivering spirituous and intoxicating liquors and malt, brewed or fermented liquors and vinous liquors in this State, and to repeal all acts or parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act," being section 5379 of the compiled laws of 1897.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Liquor Traffic.

Mr. Robinson, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 794, entitled

A bill to amend sections 8, 12, 21 and 22 of chapter 189 of the compiled laws of 1871, relative to the return and summoning of jurors, being compiler's sections 7554, 7558, 7567 and 7568 of Howell's annotated statutes of the State of Michigan.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

Mr. G. W. Reed, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 795, entitled

A bill to retain and set apart a certain tract of land in the State of Michigan, lying and being in the counties of Lake, Newaygo, Oceana, Mason, Manistee and Wexford, as a public park, to be known as the Michigan State Park.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Fisheries and Game.

On motion of Mr. Reed;

One thousand copies of the bill were ordered printed for the use of the House.

Mr. Collins, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 796, entitled

A bill to amend section 1 of an act entitled "An act relative to the admission of insurance companies of foreign governments into this State," approved May 13, 1879, being section 4341 of Howell's annotated statutes of Michigan.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Collins,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Collins, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 797, entitled

A bill to revise and amend the charter of the city of Jackson.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Collins,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Niedermeier, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 798, entitled

A bill to provide for the election of a township drain commissioner and defining his powers, rights and duties and providing for the maintenance of drains in townships and the assessment and collection of taxes therefor.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Niedermeier,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Niedermeier, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 799, entitled

A bill to provide for the construction and maintenance of drains and the assessment and collection of taxes therefor, and to repeal all other laws relative thereto.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Niedermeier,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Wheeler, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 800, entitled

A bill to provide for the employment of convict labor in this State to make restitution to persons injured by crime.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on labor.

Mr. Wheeler, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 801, entitled

A bill to require railroad companies to weigh grain and grain products upon request of shippers and give certificates of same.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Railroads.

Mr. Wheeler, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 802, entitled

A bill to provide for the sale of an interchangeable and redeemable

system of mileage books by all persons, companies or corporations operating steam railroads in the State of Michigan.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Railroads.

Mr. Wheeler, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 803, entitled

A bill to establish and confirm the jurisdiction of probate courts over testamentary trusts and trustees, and to provide for the administration and control of such trusts in said courts.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Wheeler, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 804, entitled

A bill to regulate the width of tires on wagons designed to carry heavy loads on the public highways of Washtenaw county.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

Mr. Gray, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 805, entitled

A bill to regulate the issue of stock and bonds by corporations.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Private Corporations.

Mr. Gray, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 806, entitled

A bill to prevent trusts, monopolies and combinations of capital, skill or acts to create or carry out restriction in trade or commerce; to limit or reduce the production or increase, or reduce the price of merchandise or any commodity; to prevent competition in manufacturing, making, transportation, sale or purchase of merchandise, produce or any commodity, to fix at any standard or figure whereby its price to the public or consumer shall be in any manner controlled or established, any article or commodity of merchandise, produce or commerce intended for sale, barter, use or consumption.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Private Corporations.

Mr. Gray, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 807, entitled

A bill to detach from school district No. 1 of the city of Ludington, in Mason county, Michigan, that part of said school district included and being in the township of Pere Marquette, in said county.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Education.

Mr. W. A. Reed, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 808, entitled

A bill to amend section 1 of act No. 19 of the public acts of 1893, entitled "An act to amend section 1 of act No. 32 of the public acts of 1873, entitled 'An act to extend aid to the University of Michigan,' and to repeal an act entitled 'An act to extend aid to the University of Michigan,' approved March 15, 1867, being sections 3506 and 3507 of the compiled laws of 1871, the same being section 4944 of Howell's annotated statutes," approved March 23, 1893, and to require the board of regents to remove the homeopathic college or department of the university to the city of Detroit, and appropriating money for that purpose.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on University.

Mr. Taziman, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 809, entitled

A bill to amend act No. 243 of the public acts of 1881, entitled "An act to revise and consolidate the laws relating to the establishment, opening, improvement and maintenance of highways and private roads, and the building, repairing and preservation of bridges within this State," approved June 8, 1881.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

Mr. Taziman, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 810, entitled

A bill to repeal act No. 27 of the public acts of 1891, entitled "An act to prevent the spearing of fish in the waters of the inland lakes in the county of Livingston."

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Fisheries and Game.

Mr. Whitney, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 811, entitled

A bill to regulate street railway companies operating electric cars, cable or other cars propelled by steam, cable or electricity, within the county of Muskegon, to protect certain of their employes from the inclemency of the weather during certain months of the year.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Railroads.

Mr. Whitney, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 812, entitled

A bill to amend an act entitled "An act to provide for the incorporation of villages within the State of Michigan, and defining their powers and duties," approved February 19, 1895.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Village Corporations.

Mr. Whitney, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 813, entitled

A bill to authorize the Auditor General to sell State tax lands located within the limits of the city of North Muskegon, and other lands located in said city, and bid off to the State for unpaid taxes, and now held by the State as State tax bids, at less than the total of taxes, interest and other charges against said lands, and to apportion the losses sustained thereby.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Towns and Counties.

Mr. Whitney, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 814, entitled

A bill to amend act No. 456 of the local acts of 1895, being an act to incorporate the city of North Muskegon, in Muskegon county, and to detach certain territory in the township of Laketon, in said county, and attach the same to said city, and to detach certain territory from the former city of North Muskegon and attach the same to the township of Laketon, and to repeal act No. 215 of the local acts of 1891, by adding ten new sections thereto.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on City Corporations.

Mr. Cheever, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 815, entitled

A bill to authorize the city of Detroit to establish and maintain a Riverside park.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on City Corporations.

Mr. Cheever, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 816, entitled

A bill to provide for the organization of business corporations.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Cheever, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 817, entitled

A bill to amend section 11 of chapter 260 of Howell's annotated statutes of the State of Michigan, being section 7386 of said statutes, concerning referees.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Revision and Amendment of the Statutes.

Mr. Cheever, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 818, entitled

A bill to amend the title and section 1 of act 232 of the session laws of Michigan for the year 1885, approved June 20, 1885.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Revision and Amendment of the Statutes.

Mr. Cheever, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 819, entitled

A bill to amend section 44 of chapter 11 of an act entitled "An act to provide a charter for the city of Detroit, and to repeal all acts and parts of acts in conflict therewith," approved June 7, 1883, as amended by act No. 476 of the session laws of 1897.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on City Corporations.

Mr. Cheever, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 820, entitled

A bill to authorize the city of Detroit to raise money for the erection of school houses, engine houses and police stations, by issuing bonds therefor.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on City Corporations.

Mr. Cheever, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 821, entitled

A bill to repeal act No. 42 of the public acts of 1846, entitled "An act to authorize the sale of the Central Railroad and to incorporate the Michigan Central Railroad Company," approved March 28, 1846, as amended by act No. 179 of the public acts of 1893, being "An act to repeal section 32, and to amend section 33 of an act entitled 'An act to authorize the sale of the Central Railroad,' approved May 31, 1893, and all amend-

ments thereto, and all other acts or parts of acts amending or modifying said act 42, of the laws of 1846, and said act No. 179 of the laws of 1893, and relating to the incorporation of the Michigan Central Railroad Company, and to authorize the incorporation of said railroad company under the general railroad laws of this State, and to adjust any claim for damages by reason of such repeal, and to provide for the compensation by the State to said Michigan Central Railroad Company, for all damages sustained by reason of the repealing of said charter, and to provide means for such compensation by the issuing of bonds or otherwise."

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Railroads.

Mr. Cheever, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 822, entitled

A bill to amend section 7 of chapter 11 of an act entitled "An act to provide a charter for the city of Detroit, and to repeal all acts and parts of acts in conflict therewith," approved June 7, 1883.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on City Corporations.

Mr. Cheever, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 823, entitled

A bill defining the effect of levies of writs of attachment and execution upon real estate, and repealing all acts and parts of acts contravening the provisions of this act.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Chandler, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 824, entitled

A bill to amend and alter sections 9 and 14 of act No. 39 of the public acts of 1883, as amended and altered by act No. 93 of the public acts of 1887, entitled "An act to authorize the formation of corporations for the purpose of excavating, constructing and maintaining water courses, with water power appurtenant thereto, for accumulating, storing, conducting, selling, furnishing and supplying, upon an agreed rental, water and water power for mining, milling, manufacturing, domestic, municipal and agricultural purposes, and for holding and conveying lands adjacent to said water course, or within convenient distance thereof," the same being sections 3895i and 3895n of Howell's statutes, volume 3.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Chandler, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 825, entitled

A bill to abolish the township of Holmes, Mackinac county, and to incorporate the city of Mackinac Island.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on City Corporations.

Mr. Burfoot, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 826, entitled

A bill to amend section 1 of act No. 256 of the public acts of 1881, entitled "An act to provide for suits against foreign corporations in the courts of this State," approved June 10, 1881, being compiler's section 8145 of Howell's annotated statutes, as subsequently amended.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Revision and Amendment of the Statutes.

Mr. Burfoot, unanimous consent being given, introduced
House bill No. 827, entitled

A bill to amend section 1 of act No. 191 of the session laws of 1873, entitled "An act to bar the right of dower of insane, imbecile or idiotic married women," approved April 29, 1873, being compiler's section 5762 of Howell's annotated statutes.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Revision and Amendment of the Statutes.

Mr. Burfoot, unanimous consent being given, introduced
House bill No. 828, entitled

A bill to amend section 1 of chapter 137 of the revised statutes of 1846, relative to writs of mandamus and prohibition, as amended by act No. 236 of the public acts of 1897, being compiler's section 8663 of Howell's annotated statutes.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Revision and Amendment of the Statutes.

Mr. Burfoot, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 829, entitled

A bill to amend act No. 374 of the local acts of the State of Michigan for the year 1897, entitled "An act to revise the charter of the city of Grand Rapids," approved March 25, 1897, by adding a new section to stand as section No. 49, to title 5, relative to the granting of all franchises.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on City Corporations.

Mr. Burfoot, unanimous consent being given, introduced
House bill No. 830, entitled

A bill to create a department of inspection of factories, public buildings and steam boilers.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Labor.

Mr. J. H. Read, unanimous consent being given, introduced
House bill No. 831, entitled

A bill to enable the city of Manistee in Manistee county, Michigan, to borrow and issue the bonds of the said city therefor, not to exceed two hundred thousand dollars, for water works purposes.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. J. H. Read,
The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Stewart, unanimous consent being given, introduced
House bill No. 832, entitled

A bill authorizing the supervisors of Wayne county to hold a special meeting in February or March, in the year 1899, to consider and determine the necessity of borrowing money on the faith and credit of said county of Wayne, for the purpose of fully completing the courthouse of said county, and furnishing the same throughout, and to provide for submitting the question of raising by loan, upon the bonds of said county, such sums of money as they may deem necessary therefor, not to

exceed the sum of eight hundred thousand dollars, to the vote of the electors of said county, and providing notice of such special meeting of said supervisors and the mode of submitting the question of said loan to the vote of the electors of said county.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Stewart,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Stewart, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 833, entitled

A bill to prohibit the common council of the city of Detroit from granting or extending rights to operate street railways in the city of Detroit, until within one year of the expiration of existing grants.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Stewart,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Stewart, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 834, entitled

A bill to amend section 7 of chapter 12 of an act entitled "An act to provide a charter for the city of Detroit, and to repeal all acts and parts of acts in conflict therewith," approved June 7, 1883, as amended by the several acts amendatory thereof, and to repeal all acts or parts of acts inconsistent herewith.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Stewart,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Stewart, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 835, entitled

A bill to amend sections 5 and 6 of an act approved May 8, 1889, entitled "An act supplemental to the charter of the city of Detroit, and relating to parks, boulevards, and other public grounds in said city, and to repeal act No. 374 of the local acts of 1879, entitled "An act to provide for the establishment and maintenance of a broad street or boulevard about the limits of the city of Detroit, and through portions of the townships of Hamtramck, Greenfield and Springwells, in the county of Wayne," approved May 21, 1879, and all acts amendatory thereof.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Stewart,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Stewart, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 836, entitled

A bill supplemental to the charter of the city of Detroit, providing for the election of a vice-mayor of the city of Detroit, and defining his powers and duties.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Stewart,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Stewart, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 837, entitled

A bill to amend the charter of the city of Detroit, and to provide for the issue of bonds for the purpose of constructing a new bridge to Belle Isle Park, and the reclamation of what is known as the "middle ground" southerly of said park.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Stewart,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Stewart, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 838, entitled

A bill to vest in the Board of Public Works of the city of Detroit the powers and duties heretofore vested in the Board of Building Inspectors of said city, to grant additional powers to said board, in the matter of the inspection of buildings, and to repeal act No. 393 of the local acts of 1885, as amended, entitled "An act to establish a board of building inspectors for the city, and define its powers and duties."

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Stewart,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Chamberlain, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 839, entitled

A bill to provide for the placing of a double steel passenger elevator in the Capitol building, and making an appropriation therefor.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Chamberlain,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Wells, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 840, entitled

A bill to amend sections 1, 2 and 3 of chapter 12 of act No. 215 of the public acts of 1895, entitled "An act to provide for the incorporation of cities of the fourth class," being sections 3116, 3117 and 3118 of the compiled laws of 1897.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Wells,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Chamberlain, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 841, entitled

A bill to repeal section 8 of act No. 206 of the laws of 1881, entitled "An act to provide for the uniform regulation of certain State institutions," and to repeal certain other acts.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Chamberlain,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Chamberlain, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 842, entitled

A bill to provide for the constitutional notice of application for the alteration of the charters of corporations.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Chamberlain, unanimous consent being given, introduced House bill No. 843, entitled

A bill to fix the salary of the chief of the corporation division of the Department of State.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Revision and Amendment of the Statutes.

Mr. Chamberlain, unanimous consent being given, introduced House bill No. 844, entitled

A bill making appropriations for the University of Michigan for the fiscal years ending June 30, 1900, and June 30, 1901, for the purpose of erecting and equipping a building for instruction in science, and to provide a tax therefor.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on University.

Mr. Chamberlain, unanimous consent being given, introduced House bill No. 845, entitled

A bill making appropriations for the University of Michigan for the fiscal years ending June 30, 1900, and June 30, 1901, for a summer school of six weeks duration each year, and to provide a tax therefor.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on University.

Mr. Chamberlain, unanimous consent being given, introduced House bill No. 846, entitled

A bill to extend continuous aid to the University of Michigan, and to repeal certain acts.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on University.

Mr. Chamberlain, unanimous consent being given, introduced House bill No. 847, entitled

A bill to provide for the lowering of the galleries of the Senate Chamber and Representative Hall to a convenient height for occupants thereof to see and hear.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on State Capitol and Public Buildings.

Mr. Burch unanimous consent being given, introduced House bill No. 848, entitled

A bill relative to the confinement of United States convicts in the prisons of this State.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Burch,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Burch, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 849, entitled,

A bill relative to the employment of convicts by the prison authorities of this State.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Burch,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Burch, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 850, entitled

A bill to amend section 38 of an act entitled "An act to provide a charter for the city of Detroit," the same being section 3, chapter 4, of the charter of 1893, by providing for an inspector of electric light meters.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on City Corporations.

Mr. Burch, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 851, entitled

A bill to amend section 6 of chapter 84 of the revised statutes of 1846, entitled "Divorce," and being section 6228 of Howell's annotated statutes of Michigan, by adding a new subdivision to said section, to be known as No. 7.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Burch, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 852, entitled

A bill to amend section 2 of an act entitled "An act relative to disorderly persons, and to repeal chapter 53 of the compiled laws of 1871, as amended by the several acts amendatory thereof," approved June 5, 1889, as amended by act No. 190 of the public acts of 1895.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Burch, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 853, entitled

A bill to amend an act approved June 2, 1897, entitled "An act to amend section 10 of chapter 10 of an act entitled 'An act to provide a charter for the city of Detroit,' and to repeal all acts and parts of acts in conflict therewith," approved June 7, 1883.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on City Corporations.

Mr. Burch, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 854, entitled

A bill to transfer to the city of Detroit the title to all the property of every name and nature, now owned, operated and controlled by the board of water commissioners of the city of Detroit under the powers, rights and privileges granted said board of water commissioners by an act entitled "An act to amend the laws relative to supplying the city of Detroit with pure and wholesome water," approved February 14, 1853, and the acts amendatory thereto, and to give to said city of Detroit the possession, control and operation, and management of said property, and to repeal all acts and parts of acts in conflict therewith.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on City Corporations.

Mr. Hart, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 855, entitled

A bill to permit and authorize the division of townships, villages, cities and counties, into districts for the selection of officers in certain cases.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Hart,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Hart, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 856, entitled

A bill to amend act No. 288 of the public acts of 1897, entitled "An act to provide for the erection and maintenance of ladders for the passage of fish through the dams across the Shiawassee river, the Raisin river, in the counties of Monroe, Washtenaw, Jackson and Lenawee, the Huron river and its tributaries, in the counties of Wayne and Monroe, the Maple river in the town of Du Plain, Clinton county, to provide a penalty for violations of the provisions of this act, and to repeal all acts and parts of acts contravening the provisions of this act," approved June 4, 1897, by adding one new section thereto to be known as section 5.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Fisheries and Game.

Mr. Hart, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 857, entitled

A bill to declare unlawful and void all arrangements, contracts, agreements, trusts or combinations made to lessen or which tend to lessen free competition in the importation or sale of articles imported into, manufactured, grown or produced in this State, or which tend to advance rates or control the price of any such product or articles to producer or consumer, and to provide for the punishment of persons, co-partnerships and corporations entering into such arrangements, contracts, agreements, trusts or combinations.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Private Corporations.

Mr. Howell, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 858, entitled

A bill to provide for incorporation, management and regulation of co-operative and fraternal insurance companies and associations in this State, and for the examination, management and regulation of such companies and associations organized in this State, and countries other than Michigan.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Insurance.

Mr. Dickinson, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 859, entitled

A bill to amend section 30, chapter 7, of an act entitled "An act to provide a charter for the city of Detroit, and to repeal all acts and parts of acts in conflict therewith," approved June 7, 1883.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on City Corporations.

Mr. Dickinson, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 860, entitled

A bill to amend section 28 of an act entitled "An act to amend the laws relative to supplying the city of Detroit with pure and wholesome water," approved February 14, 1853, being act No. 90 of the acts of 1853, as amended by the various acts amendatory thereof.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on City Corporations.

Mr. Dickinson, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 861, entitled

A bill to amend the charter of the city of Detroit, and to provide for the appointment, by the mayor, of a police commissioner, a health officer, a commissioner of parks and boulevards, a water commissioner, commissioner of prisons, a city counsellor, a city assessor, a fire commissioner, a commissioner of public works and a lighting commissioner, and to repeal all acts or parts of acts inconsistent therewith.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on City Corporations.

Mr. Dickinson, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 862, entitled

A bill to amend chapter 7 of an act entitled "An act to provide a charter for the city of Detroit, and to repeal all acts and parts of acts in conflict therewith," approved June 7, 1883.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Dickinson,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Dickinson, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 863, entitled

A bill to amend chapter 11 of an act entitled "An act to provide a charter for the city of Detroit, and to repeal all acts and parts of acts in conflict therewith," approved June 7, 1883.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Dickinson,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Dickinson, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 864, entitled

A bill to amend chapter 20 of an act entitled "An act to provide a charter for the city of Detroit, and to repeal all acts or parts of acts in conflict therewith," approved June 7, 1883.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Dickinson,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Dickinson, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 865, entitled

A bill to amend section 4 of an act entitled "An act to establish and provide justices' courts in the city of Detroit, and to repeal act No. 280 of the local acts of 1883, entitled 'An act relative to justices' courts in the city of Detroit,' approved April 25, 1883, and all acts amendatory thereof," approved June 1, 1895.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Dickinson,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Dickinson, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 866, entitled

A bill to require a notice of all transfers of real estate in the city of Detroit, to be filed with the city assessors, before the recording of said transfers by the register of deeds of Wayne county.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Dickinson,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Wayne, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 867, entitled

A bill to provide for organizing union school districts in Gladwin county.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and referred to the committee on Education.

Mr. Wayne, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 868, entitled

A bill to provide for the exemption from taxation of mortgages upon farming lands in this State drawing interest at a rate not to exceed 4 per cent annually.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and referred to the committee on General Taxation.

Mr. Wayne, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 869, entitled

A bill to amend section 1 of act No. 156 of the public acts of 1891, entitled "An act to regulate the interest of money on account, interest on money, judgments, verdicts, etc."

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Kerr, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 870, entitled

A bill to amend sections No. 6, 19, 23, 24 and 33, of act No. 50, of the public acts of 1887, as amended by act No. 269 of the public acts of 1895, being an act entitled "An act to provide for the incorporation and regulation of certain corporations, generally known as building and loan associations," and by adding one new section thereto, to be known as section No. 34.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Private Corporations.

Mr. Kerr, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 871, entitled

A bill to amend act No. 50 of the public acts of 1887, entitled "An act to provide for the incorporation and regulation of certain incorporations, generally known as building and loan associations," as amended, by adding thereto one new section to be known as section No. 34.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Private Corporations.

Mr. Kerr, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 872, entitled

A bill to amend section 6, chapter 84, of the revised statutes of 1846, entitled "Of divorce," and being section 6228 of Howell's annotated statutes of Michigan.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Burdick, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 873, entitled

A bill to provide for two voting precincts in the township of Peaine, in the county of Charlevoix, and the conduct of elections thereat.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Burdick,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Waterbury, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 874, entitled

A bill to amend section 7 of chapter 7 of act No. 3 of the public acts of 1895, entitled "An act to provide for the incorporation of villages within the State of Michigan, and defining their powers and duties," approved February 19, 1895.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Waterbury,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Eikhoff, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 875, entitled

A bill to provide for public notice of proposed charter changes, and the method by which the city of Detroit may alter or amend its charter.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on City Corporations.

Mr. Eikhoff, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 876, entitled

A bill to amend section 1 of an act to create a board of jury commissioners, being act 204 of 1893, consisting of seven persons for courts of record in the county of Wayne, and to repeal act No. 95 of the public acts of 1887, as amended by act No. 42 of the public acts of 1891, and all other acts and parts of acts contravening the provisions of this act.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on City Corporations.

Mr. Eikhoff, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 877, entitled

A bill relating to street railway franchises in the city of Detroit.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on City Corporations.

Mr. Eikhoff, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 878, entitled

A bill to amend section 2 of act No. 184 of the public acts of 1895, entitled "An act to provide for the inspection of all manufacturing establishments and workshops in this State, and to provide for the enforcement, regulation and inspection of such establishments, and the employment of women and children therein," approved May 22, 1895.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Labor.

Mr. Eikhoff, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 879, entitled

A bill to regulate the carrying of passengers by all railroad companies, corporations, copartners or individuals.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Railroads.

Mr. Eikhoff, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 880, entitled

A bill to amend section 9 of act No. 184 of the public acts of 1895, entitled "An act to provide for the inspection of all manufacturing establishments and workshops in this State, and to provide for the enforcement, regulation and inspection of such establishments, and the employment of women and children therein," approved May 22, 1895.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Labor.

Mr. Eikhoff, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 881, entitled

A bill to provide fans or blowers in all workshops or establishments where wheels composed partly of emery, or buffing wheels, or emery belts are used.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Labor.

Mr. Eikhoff, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 882, entitled

A bill to amend section 22 of act No. 161 of the public acts of 1885, entitled "An act to establish a police court of the city of Detroit," approved June 9, 1885, as amended, the same being compiler's section 6590 of Howell's annotated statutes, to read as follows:

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and referred to the committee on City Corporations.

Mr. Eikhoff, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 883, entitled

A bill to amend section 2 of the lighting act of the city of Detroit, the same being chapter 13 of the charter of said city, as approved March 18, 1893.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and referred to the committee on City Corporations.

Mr. Eikhoff, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 884, entitled

A bill imposing a specific tax upon persons, firms, corporations and chartered companies engaged in the business of exporting minerals, coal, salt, and soda ash out of this State, or of mining, smelting and refining ores in this State.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and referred to the committee on General Taxation.

Mr. Eikhoff, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 885, entitled

A bill to amend section 15 of act No. 184 of the public acts of 1895, entitled "An act to provide for the inspection of all manufacturing establishments and workshops in this State, and to provide for the en-

forcement, regulation and inspection of such establishments, and the employment of women and children therein," approved May 22, 1895.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Labor.

Mr. Caldwell, unanimous consent being given, introduced
House bill No. 886, entitled

A bill to vacate the plat of the Meredith Land and Improvement Company's additions "A" and "B" to the village of Meredith.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Towns and Counties.

Mr. Gillam, unanimous consent being given, introduced
House bill No. 887, entitled

A bill to amend section 1 of act 142 of the public acts of 1889, entitled "An act to provide for the reorganization of corporations for mining, smelting and manufacturing iron, copper, silver, mineral coal and other ores or minerals, the term of existence of which has heretofore expired or may hereafter expire by limitation and to fix the duties and liabilities of such renewed corporations."

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Private Corporations.

On motion of Mr. Gillam,

Five hundred copies of the bill were ordered printed for the use of the committee.

Mr. Gillam, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 888, entitled

A bill to amend the charter of the city of Tawas City.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Gillam,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Gillam, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 889, entitled

A bill to provide for the assessment and levy of taxes upon the property of railroad companies, express companies, telegraph companies and telephone companies, and the collection thereof, and the designation and election of a State Board of Assessors to make such assessment and levy, and defining the duties of such board, and the compensation of its members; and to repeal all other acts or parts of acts, whether in acts for incorporation of union railroad station and depot grounds, or any other laws of this State, so far as such acts or parts of acts are inconsistent with this act, and no further; and to apply the taxes assessed and collected under this bill to pay "The interest upon the primary school, university and other educational funds, and the interest and principal of the State debt, in the order herein recited, until the extinguishment of the State debt, other than amounts due to educational funds, when such taxes to be collected under this act be added to and constitute a part of the primary school interest fund."

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Revision and Amendment of the Statutes.

Mr. Schmidt, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 890, entitled

A bill to enable all volunteers who served in the 33d regiment of Mich-

igan volunteers during the past year, and who have been charged with the price of an overcoat in the final settlement of his clothing account with the government, to collect from the State of Michigan the amount which such volunteer was charged for such overcoat, in all cases where such overcoat was turned over to the quartermaster's department of the State of Michigan, and never returned to such volunteer.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Schmidt,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Schmidt, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 891, entitled

A bill to incorporate an insane asylum and locate said asylum in the county of Saginaw, and to provide for the care and maintenance of the insane in Saginaw county.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Schmidt,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Schmidt, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 892, entitled

A bill to legalize the assessment and tax rolls of the city of Saginaw, and the return of the delinquent taxes thereon to the county treasurer for the years 1897 and 1898.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Schmidt,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Carton, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 893, entitled

A bill to provide for appeals from the decisions of circuit judges denying or granting new trials.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Carton,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Carton, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 894, entitled

A bill to amend act No. 266 of the public acts of 1895, entitled "An act relative to bonds and other obligations, with surety or sureties, and the acceptance of surety thereon of surety companies, qualified to act as such, and the release of such sureties, and the safe depositing of assets for which such surety may be liable, and the charging by fiduciaries of the expense of procuring sureties, and repealing all laws in conflict therewith," as amended by act No. 106 of the public acts of 1897, by adding three new sections thereto, to stand as sections 12, 13 and 14, and by amending section 11.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Carton,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Carton, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 895, entitled

A bill to amend sections 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, of act No. 206 of the public acts of 1897, entitled "An act to provide for the assessment of property and levy and collection of taxes thereon, and for the collection of taxes heretofore and hereafter levied, making such taxes a lien on the lands taxed, establishing and continuing such liens, providing for the sale and conveyance of lands delinquent for taxes, and for the inspection and disposition of lands bid off to the State and not redeemed or purchased, and to repeal act No. 200 of the public acts of 1891, and all other acts or parts of acts in anywise contravening any of the provisions of this act.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Carton,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Carton, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 896, entitled

A bill to amend sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53 and 54 of act No. 206 of the public acts of 1897, being an act entitled "An act to provide for the assessment of property and the levy and collection of taxes thereon, and for the collection of taxes heretofore and hereafter levied, making such taxes a lien on the lands taxed, establishing and continuing such lien, providing for the sale and conveyance of lands delinquent for taxes, and for the inspection and disposition of lands bid off to the State and not redeemed or purchased, and to repeal act No. 200 of the public acts of 1891, and all other acts and parts of acts in anywise contravening any of the provisions of this act."

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Carton,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Carton, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 897, entitled

A bill to provide relief for Oakwood Cemetery Association of the village of Fenton, and to legalize all business heretofore transacted by it.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Carton,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Carton, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 898, entitled

A bill to amend sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16.

17, 18, 19 and 20 of act No. 119 of the public acts of the year 1893, as amended by acts Nos. 150 and 263 of the public acts of the year 1895.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Carton,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Carton, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 899, entitled

A bill to declare unlawful and void all arrangements, contracts, agreements, trusts or combinations, made with a view to lessen or which tend to lessen free competition in the importation or sale of articles imported into, manufactured, grown or produced in this State, or which tend to advance rates or control the price of any such product or articles to producer or consumer and to provide for the punishment of persons, co-partnerships and corporations entering into such arrangements, contracts, agreements, trusts or combinations.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Carton,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Carton, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 900, entitled

A bill exempting from taxation homesteads of veterans of the civil war.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Carton,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Carton, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 901, entitled

A bill to provide for the enrollment of proceedings in the probate courts of this State.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Carton,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Carton, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 902, entitled

A bill to amend sections 3 and 4 of act No. 248 of the public acts of 1861, being sections 7723 and 7724 of Howell's annotated statutes of the State of Michigan.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Revision and Amendment of the Statutes.

Mr. Carton, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 903, entitled

A bill to amend sections 2, 4 and 7 of act No. 109 of the public acts of the year 1895.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Revision and Amendment of the Statutes.

Mr. Carton, unanimous consent being given, introduced
House bill No. 904, entitled

A bill to amend sections 2 and 4 of act No. 2 of the public acts of the year 1897.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Revision and Amendment of the Statutes.

Mr. Carton, unanimous consent being given, introduced
House bill No. 905, entitled

A bill to provide for the issue of executions at the same time to sheriffs of different counties, and for the enforcement of the same therein, whether against the property or against the body of any party, for the collection of judgments and decrees of courts of record in this State, and to repeal all acts and parts of acts contrary to the provisions of this act.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Revision and Amendment of the Statutes.

Mr. Carton, unanimous consent being given, introduced
House bill No. 906, entitled

A bill to repeal section 7669a of Howell's annotated statutes of the State of Michigan, being a portion of section 13 of act No. 105 of the public acts of the year 1847.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Revision and Amendment of the Statutes.

Mr. Carton, unanimous consent being given, introduced
House bill No. 907, entitled

A bill to amend section 13 of act No. 105 of the public acts of the year 1847, by striking out all after the word "actions" in line three of said section.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Revision and Amendment of the Statutes.

Mr. Bryan, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 908, entitled

A bill to provide for a further representation from the city of Detroit, on the Board of Supervisors of the county of Wayne.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Bryan,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Bryan, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 909, entitled

A bill to abolish the board of public works in the city of Wyandotte and to define the powers and duties of the mayor and common council.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Bryan,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Bryan, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 910, entitled

A bill to provide for the construction, care and maintenance of the water works and electric lighting plant of the city of Wyandotte.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Bryan,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Bryan, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 911, entitled

A bill to provide for the levy, assessment and collection of taxes in the city of Wyandotte.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Bryan,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Bryan, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 912, entitled

A bill to enable the township of Gross Pointe, in Wayne county, to lay out, operate and maintain a road or highway along the Detroit river bank, and the shore of Lake St. Clair, in said township, and to regulate the uses of the same.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Bryan,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Bryan, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 913, entitled

A bill to provide a salary for the justices of the peace in the township of Springwells, in the county of Wayne, and to fix the amount thereof.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

On motion of Mr. Bryan,

The bill was ordered printed for the use of the committee.

Mr. Bryan, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 914, entitled

A bill to provide for the election of two aldermen at large in the city of Wyandotte, and to fix their compensation and term of office.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and referred to the committee on Village Corporations.

On motion of Mr. Bryan,

The bill was ordered printed for the use of the committee.

Mr. Bryan, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 915, entitled

A bill to facilitate the construction and maintenance of sidewalks in the village of Ecorse, in road district No. 1 in the township of Ecorse, Wayne county, Michigan.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Bryan,

The bill was laid on the table.

The bill was ordered printed for the use of the committee.

Mr. Kingott, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 916, entitled

A bill to allow the village of Capac, in the county of St. Clair and State of Michigan, to borrow money and issue bonds in the sum of not exceeding 12% of the assessed valuation of said village, as shown by the last preceding tax roll, to be used exclusively for the purpose of purchasing, constructing and maintaining water works, as provided in act No. 3 of the session laws of 1895.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Towns and Counties.

Mr. Kingott, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 917, entitled

A bill to amend sections 1, 5, 27 and 42 of act No. 29 of the public acts of 1869, and as amended by subsequent acts, and being compiler's sections 1494, 1498 and 1520 and 1535 of Howell's annotated statutes, entitled "An act to regulate the manufacture and provide for the inspection of salt," and to repeal all acts contravening the provisions of this act.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Lumber and Salt.

Mr. Heck, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 918, entitled

A bill to repeal act No. 29 of the public acts of 1887, entitled "An act to provide for the payment of bounties for the killing of English sparrows," as amended by act No. 189 of the public acts of 1895, approved May 22, 1895.

The bill was read a first and second time by title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Heck,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Heck, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 919, entitled

A bill to amend sections 2 and 6 of act No. 137 of the public acts of 1849, entitled "An act to authorize proceedings against garnishees and for other purposes," being sections 8032 and 8036 of Howell's annotated statutes.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Lusk, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 920, entitled

A bill to amend and revise the charter of West Bay City, and to repeal all acts and parts of acts inconsistent therewith.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Lusk,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Lusk, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 921, entitled

A bill to amend and revise the charter of West Bay City, and to repeal all acts and parts of acts inconsistent therewith.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Lusk,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Lusk, unanimous consent being given, introduced
House bill No. 922, entitled

A bill to amend and revise the charter of West Bay City, and to repeal all acts and parts of acts inconsistent therewith.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Lusk,
The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Lusk, unanimous consent being given, introduced
House bill No. 923, entitled

A bill to amend and revise the charter of West Bay City, and to repeal all acts and parts of acts inconsistent therewith.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Lusk,
The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Lusk, unanimous consent being given, introduced
House bill No. 924, entitled

A bill to amend act number 1 of the public acts of 1898, approved April 15, 1898, entitled "An act authorizing a war loan and providing for the disbursements of the proceeds therefrom and for a war loan sinking fund for the purpose of liquidating the loan."

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Lusk,
The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Lusk, unanimous consent being given, introduced
House bill No. 925, entitled

A bill to amend section 137 of act number 206 of the public acts of 1893, entitled "An act to provide for the assessment of property and the levy and collection of taxes thereon; and for the collection of taxes heretofore and hereafter levied, making such taxes a lien on the lands taxed, establishing and continuing such lien, providing for the sale and conveyance of lands delinquent for taxes, and for the inspection and disposition of lands bid off to the State and not redeemed or purchased, and repeal act number 200 of the public acts of 1891, and all other acts or parts of acts in anywise contravening any of the provisions of this act."

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Lusk,
The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Lusk, unanimous consent being given, introduced
House bill No. 926, entitled

A bill to establish a fish hatchery at or near the mouth of the Saginaw river, and to make an appropriation therefor.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Lusk,
The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Lusk, unanimous consent being given, introduced
House joint resolution No. 927, entitled

A joint resolution providing for the presentation of honor medals to surviving soldiers and sailors of the War of the Rebellion, now residents of Michigan, and to make an appropriation therefor.

The joint resolution was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Lusk,

The joint resolution was laid on the table.

Mr. Lusk, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House joint resolution No. 928, entitled

A joint resolution providing for the submission to the electors of a constitutional amendment authorizing the several counties in the State to establish a system of county auditors.

The joint resolution was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Lusk,

The joint resolution was laid on the table.

Mr. Lusk, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 929, entitled

A bill to provide for the appointment of an inspector of the coal mines of this State, and to prescribe his duties and powers; also to require coal mine owners or their agents to adopt measures for the safe working, ventilating and timbering mines, to make plans of the workings, and record with the register of deeds plans of abandoned mines, and other measures tending to the protection of the lives and health of coal miners, and imposing a penalty for any wilful act by which the life and health of the person or the security of any mine is endangered.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Lusk,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Lusk, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 930, entitled

A bill to amend sections 3, 5, 6, 9, 10 and 11 of act No. 134 of the public acts of 1885, entitled "An act to regulate the practice of pharmacy in the State of Michigan," as amended by act No. 196 of the public acts of 1887.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Lusk,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Dudley, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 931, entitled

A bill making an appropriation for the support and maintenance of Central State Normal, at Mt. Pleasant.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Normal Schools.

Mr. Dudley, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 932, entitled

A bill to change the name of the Central Michigan Normal School to "Central State Normal."

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Normal Schools.

Mr. Dudley, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 933, entitled

A bill to alter and amend act No. 49 of the public acts of 1897, entitled "An act to provide for the encouragement of the manufacture of beet sugar, and to provide a compensation therefor, and to make an appropriation therefor."

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on State Affairs.

Mr. Dudley, unanimous consent being given, introduced
House bill No. 934, entitled

A bill to provide for the taxation of incomes.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Private Corporations, General Taxation and Railroads.

Mr. Dudley, unanimous consent being given, introduced
House bill No. 935, entitled

A bill to amend sections 24, 41, 59, 61, 62, 67, 70, 73, 74, 78, 84, 89, 98, and 102 of act number 206, session laws of 1893, being "An act to provide for the assessment of property and the levy and collection of taxes thereon, and for the collection of taxes heretofore and hereafter levied; making such taxes a lien on the lands taxed, establishing and continuing such lien, providing for the sale and conveyance of lands delinquent for taxes and for the inspection and disposition of lands bid off to the State and not redeemed or purchased; and to repeal act number 200 of the public acts of 1891, and all other acts or parts of acts in anywise contravening any of the provisions of this act."

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on General Taxation.

Mr. Dudley, unanimous consent being given, introduced
House bill No. 936, entitled

A bill to amend section 24 of act No. 206, session laws of 1893, being "An act to provide for the assessment of property and the levy and collection of taxes thereon, and for the collection of taxes heretofore and hereafter levied; making such taxes a lien on the lands taxed, establishing and continuing such lien, providing for the sale and conveyance of lands delinquent for taxes, and for the inspection and disposition of lands bid off to the State and not redeemed or purchased; and to repeal act No. 200 of the public acts of 1891, and all other acts and parts of acts in anywise contravening any of the provisions of this act."

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on General Taxation.

Mr. Dudley, unanimous consent being given, introduced
House bill No. 937, entitled

A bill to amend section 84 of act No. 206, session laws of 1893, being "An act to provide for the assessment of property and the levy and collection of taxes thereon, and for the collection of taxes heretofore and hereafter levied; making such taxes a lien on the lands taxed, establishing and continuing such lien, providing for the sale and conveyance of lands delinquent for taxes, and for the inspection and disposition of lands bid off to the State and not redeemed or purchased; and to repeal act No. 200 of the public acts of 1891, and all other acts and parts of acts in anywise contravening any of the provisions of this act."

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on General Taxation.

Mr. Dudley, unanimous consent being given, introduced
House bill No. 938, entitled

A bill to amend sections 62, 67 and 70 of act No. 206 of the session laws of 1893, being "An act to provide for the assessment of property and the levy and collection of taxes thereon, and for the collection of taxes heretofore and hereafter levied; making such taxes a lien on the lands taxed,

establishing and continuing such lien, providing for the sale and conveyance of lands delinquent for taxes, and for the inspection and disposition of lands bid off the State and not redeemed or purchased; and to repeal act No. 200 of the public acts of 1891, and all other acts and parts of acts in anywise contravening any of the provisions of this act."

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on General Taxation.

Mr. Dudley, unanimous consent being given, introduced
House bill No. 939, entitled

A bill to amend sections 59 and 61 of act No. 206, session laws of 1893, being "An act to provide for the assessment of property and the levy and collection of taxes thereon, and for the collection of taxes heretofore and hereafter levied, making such taxes a lien on the lands taxed, establishing and continuing such lien, providing for the sale and conveyance of lands delinquent for taxes, and for the inspection and disposition of lands bid off to the State and not redeemed or purchased, and to repeal act No. 200 of the public acts of 1891, and all other acts and parts of acts in anywise contravening any of the provisions of this act."

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on General Taxation.

Mr. Dudley, unanimous consent being given, introduced
House bill No. 940, entitled

A bill to amend section 41 of act No. 206, session laws of 1893, being "An act to provide for the assessment of property and the levy and collection of taxes thereon, and for the collection of taxes heretofore and hereafter levied; making such taxes a lien on the lands taxed, establishing and continuing such lien, providing for the sale and conveyance of lands delinquent for taxes, and for the inspection and disposition of lands bid off to the State and not redeemed or purchased; and to repeal act No. 200 of the public acts of 1891, and all other acts and parts of acts in anywise contravening any of the provisions of this act."

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on General Taxation.

Mr. Colvin (by request), unanimous consent being given, introduce
House bill No. 941, entitled

A bill to aid in providing for the erection of piers and approaches to and strengthening and repair of the "Merrill Bridge," in the township of James, Saginaw county, Michigan, by the issue of bonds by the township of Freemont, in said county.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

Mr. Colvin (by request), unanimous consent being given, introduced
House bill No. 942 entitled

A bill to aid in providing for the erection of piers and approaches to and the strengthening and repair of the "Merrill Bridge," in the township of James, Saginaw county, Michigan, by the issue of bonds by the township of Swan Creek, in said county.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

Mr. Colvin (by request), unanimous consent being given, introduced
House bill No. 943, entitled

A bill to provide for the erection of piers and approaches to, and the strengthening and betterment of the "Merrill Bridge," in the township of

James, Saginaw county, Michigan, by the issue of bonds by the said township of James.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

Mr. Colvin, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 944, entitled

- A bill to provide for an increase of members on the board of supervisors of Saginaw county.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Towns and Counties.

Mr. Colvin, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 945, entitled

A bill to provide for homestead exemption from taxation.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Colvin, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 946, entitled

A bill to regulate the practice of medicine and surgery in the State of Michigan and to provide for the registration of all persons engaged in the practice thereof or the profession of art of healing the sick by any means, and to repeal an act entitled "An act to promote public health," approved June 6, 1883, and the act approved June 27, 1887, amendatory thereof, being chapter 72b of the third volume of Howell's annotated statutes.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Public Health.

Mr. Nevins, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 947, entitled

A bill providing a uniform method for computing fractional payments in the public service of the State of Michigan.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Nevins, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 948, entitled

A bill providing a uniform method for computing fractional payments in the public service of the State of Michigan.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Labor.

Mr. Nevins, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 949, entitled

A bill to provide for the assessment of property and the levy and collection of taxes thereon, and for the collection of taxes heretofore and hereafter levied, making such taxes a lien on the lands taxed, establishing and continuing such lien, providing for the sale and conveyance of lands delinquent for taxes, and for the inspection and disposition of lands bid off to the State and not redeemed or purchased, and to repeal act number 206 of the public acts of 1893, and all other acts and parts of acts in anywise contravening any of the provisions of this act.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on General Taxation.

Mr. Nevins, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 950, entitled

A bill to protect and preserve, for the public good, shade trees along the public highways of the State of Michigan.

The bill was read a first and second time, by its title, and referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

Mr. Nevins, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 951, entitled

A bill to establish the per diem of highway overseers.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

Mr. Nevins, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 952, entitled

A bill to provide for the regulation and establishment of the rates, charges and compensation of telegraph companies doing business in this State.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Private Corporations.

Mr. Nevins, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 953, entitled

A bill to regulate and tax building and loan associations, and to repeal all acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on General Taxation.

Mr. Nevins, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 954, entitled

A bill to provide for the tolling of grain by millers in the State of Michigan, and fixing penalties for the violation of this act.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Agriculture.

Mr. Nevins, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 955, entitled

A bill to amend section 5 of act No. 71 of the public acts of the State of Michigan for the year 1891, entitled "An act to amend sections 2, 5 and 6 of act No. 127 of the public acts of 1879, as amended by act No. 49 of the public acts of 1881, being compiler's sections 1538 and 1541 of Howell's statutes, as amended by act No. 20 of the public acts of 1883, relative to the inspection of illuminating oils."

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Revision and Amendment of the Statutes.

Mr. Nevins, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 956, entitled

A bill to amend section 1817 of the compiled laws of 1871, as amended by act 261 of the public acts of 1881, as amended by act 77 of the public acts of 1885, as amended by act 244 of the public acts of 1887, and act 273 of the public acts of 1887, the same being section 1756, Volume 3 of Howell's annotated statutes, as amended by act 5 of the public acts of 1891, and relating to the support of the poor by the public.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Revision and Amendment of the Statutes.

Mr. Nevins, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 957, entitled

A bill to provide for the relief of William Monroe of Otsego, Allegan county, a soldier in Company I, 28th Michigan infantry, in the War of the Rebellion.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Nevins,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Nevins, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 958, entitled

A bill to amend sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53 and 54 of act number 206 of the public acts of 1897, being an act entitled "An act to provide for the assessment of property and the levy and collection of taxes thereon, and for the collection of taxes heretofore and hereafter levied, making such taxes a lien on the lands taxed, establishing and continuing such lien, providing for the sale and conveyance of lands delinquent for taxes, and for the inspection and disposition of lands bid off to the State and not redeemed or purchased, and to repeal act number 200 of the public acts of 1891, and all other acts and parts of acts in anywise contravening any of the provisions of this act."

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Nevins,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Nevins, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 959, entitled

A bill to amend sections 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142 and 143 of act number 206 of the public acts of 1897, entitled "An act to provide for the assessment of property and levy and collection of taxes thereon, and for the collection of taxes heretofore and hereafter levied, making such taxes a lien on the lands taxed, establishing and continuing such lien, providing for the sale and conveyance of lands delinquent for taxes, and for the inspection and disposition of lands bid off to the State and not redeemed or purchased, and to repeal act number 200 of the public acts of 1891, and all other acts or parts of acts in anywise contravening any of the provisions of this act."

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Nevins,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Nevins, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 960, entitled

A bill to provide for the establishment of a forestry commission, and making an appropriation for carrying out the provisions of this act.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Nevins,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Nevins, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 961, entitled

A bill to provide for the exchange of business between express companies doing business within this State.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Nevins,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Phillips, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House joint resolution No. 962, entitled

Joint resolution to provide for the retirement of certain outstanding part-paid bonds.

The joint resolution was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Local Taxation.

Mr. Phillips, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 963, entitled

A bill to compel shippers of fruit to mark each package with shipper's name and true size or weight of package, and to prohibit the shipment of diseased or infected fruit, and to prevent deceit in the packing and marketing of the same.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Phillips,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Phillips, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 964, entitled

A bill providing for furnishing the Auditor General with statistics relative to the valuation of the real and personal property of the State, each year, as assessed by the several assessing officers and as equalized by the several equalizing boards throughout the State, and to furnish the amount of taxes levied thereon by the several assessing officers.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Phillips,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Shepherd, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 965, entitled

A bill to amend section 74 of act No. 206 of the public acts of 1893, entitled "An act to provide for the assessment of property and the levy and collection of taxes thereon, and for the collection of taxes heretofore and hereafter levied, making such taxes a lien on the lands taxed, establishing and continuing such lien, providing for the sale and conveyance of lands delinquent for taxes, and for the inspection and disposition of lands bid off to the State and not redeemed or purchased, and to repeal act No. 200 of the public acts of 1891, and all other acts and parts of acts in anywise contravening the provisions of this act," as amended by No. 154 of the public acts of 1895, and act No. 225 of the public acts of 1897, being section — of the compiled laws of 1897.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on General Taxation.

Mr. Shepherd, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 966, entitled

A bill to prohibit the taking or catching of fish by any means or device, other than by hook and line, in Crooker lake, Pickerel lake, Pickerel channel or Crooker river in Emmet county.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Fisheries and Game.

Mr. Shepherd, unanimous consent being given, introduced
House bill No. 967, entitled
A bill appropriating State lands for the purpose of draining Mud lake,
in Cheboygan county.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and pending its
reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Shepherd,
The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Shepherd, unanimous consent being given, introduced
House bill No. 968, entitled

A bill to provide for licensing real estate agents or brokers.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and pending its
reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Shepherd,
The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Shepherd, previous notice having been given and leave being
granted, introduced

House bill No. 969, entitled

A bill to organize the union school district of the township of Burt, in
the county of Cheboygan.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its
reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Shepherd,
The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Shepherd, previous notice having been given and leave being
granted, introduced

House bill No. 970, entitled

A bill to disorganize fractional school district No. 6 of the township of
Burt, in Cheboygan county, and attach it to territory of the districts
adjoining thereto.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its
reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Shepherd,
The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Shepherd, previous notice having been given and leave being
granted, introduced

House bill No. 971, entitled

A bill to amend the charter of the city of Cheboygan.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its
reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Shepherd,
The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Crosby, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 972, entitled

A bill to amend sections 1, 12, 14, 18 and 52 of act No. 205 of the public
acts of 1887, entitled "An act to revise the laws authorizing the business
of banking, and to establish a banking department for the supervision of
such business," the same being sections 3208a, 3208b1, 3208b3, 3208b7
and 3208f1 of Howell's annotated statutes (Vol. 3), as amended by act No.
10 of the public acts of 1891.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the
committee on Private Corporations.

Mr. Crosby, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 973, entitled

A bill to provide for the incorporation of mutual co-operative employment insurance companies, the fundamental purpose and object of which is the insurance of employment to its members, and to authorize and empower such incorporated companies, in order to enable them to accomplish and carry into effect such object and purpose, to accumulate a fund by partial-payment methods on the installment plan, or by the issue of fully paid up stock, to issue and sell such stock and to redeem the same, to accumulate, acquire, or take by gift, purchase or devise, property, both real and personal, to organize and conduct on a co-operative plan and basis agricultural, manufacturing and mercantile enterprises, to establish bureaus and agencies of information, and to define the powers and duties and regulate the transaction of business of all such incorporated companies.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Crosby,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Crosby, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 974, entitled

A bill to prescribe a minimum fee to be paid to sheriffs for board of prisoners and inmates of the several county jails in this State and to provide for the care of prisoners and inmates in county jails and to repeal all acts or parts of acts in anywise contravening the provisions of this act.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Crosby, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 975, entitled

A bill to amend act No. 206 of the public acts of 1893, entitled "An act to provide for the assessment of property, and the levy (and collection) of taxes thereon, and for the collection of taxes heretofore and hereafter levied; making such taxes a lien on the lands taxed, establishing and continuing such lien, providing for the sale and conveyance of lands delinquent for taxes, and for the inspection and disposition of lands bid off to the State and not redeemed or purchased, and to repeal act No. 200 of the public acts of 1891 and all other acts and parts of acts in anywise contravening any of the provisions of this act," approved June 1, 1893, as amended by acts numbered 25, 154, 162 and 299 of the public acts of 1895, and acts numbered 206, 214, 224, 225, 229, 240 and 261 of the public acts of 1897, by adding 17 new sections thereto to stand as sections 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159 and 160.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Crosby,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Crosby, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 976, entitled

A bill to amend act No. 129 of the public acts of 1883, entitled "An act for the organization of telephone and messenger service companies," approved May 31, 1883, by adding two new sections thereto to be known as sections 9 and 10.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Private Corporations.

Mr. Crosby, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 977, entitled

A bill to amend and revise the charter of the city of Battle Creek.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Crosby,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Dudley, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 978, entitled

A bill to amend section 18 of an act entitled "An act to provide for the assessment of property and the levy and collection of taxes thereon, and for the collection of taxes heretofore and hereafter levied; making such taxes a lien on the lands taxed, establishing and continuing such lien, providing for the sale and conveyance of lands delinquent for taxes and for the inspection and disposing of lands bid off to the State and not redeemed or purchased; and to repeal act No. 200 of the public acts of 1891 and all other acts and parts of acts in anywise contravening any of the provisions of this act," approved June 1, 1893.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the Special Joint committee.

Mr. Dudley, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 979, entitled

A bill to amend sections 10, 11, 18, 19, 21, 22, 23, 24, 29, and 30 of act number 206 of the public acts of 1893 as amended, entitled "An act to provide for the assessment of property and the levy and collection of taxes thereon, and for the collection of taxes heretofore and hereafter levied, making such taxes a lien on the lands taxed, establishing and continuing such lien, providing for the sale and conveyance of lands delinquent for taxes, and for the inspection and disposition of lands bid off to the State and not redeemed or purchased; and to repeal act number 200 of the public acts of 1891, and all other acts and parts of acts in anywise contravening any of the provisions of this act," and to add thereto 17 new sections to be known as sections 17a, 17b, 17c, 17d, 17e, 17f, 17g, 18a, 18b, 22a, 23a, 23b, 23c, 23d, 23e, 118a and 144 and to repeal all acts or parts of acts in anywise contravening any of the provisions of this act.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on General Taxation.

Mr. Hatzenbuehler, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 980, entitled

A bill to amend subdivision 3 of section 14 of act number 206 of the public acts of 1893, entitled "An act to provide for the assessment of property and the levy and collection of taxes thereon, and for the collection of taxes heretofore and hereafter levied; making such taxes a lien, providing for the sale and conveyance of lands bid off to the State and not redeemed or purchased; and to repeal act number 200 of the public acts of 1891 and all other acts and parts of acts in anywise contravening any of the provisions of this act."

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Hatzenbuehler,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Hatzenbuehler, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 981, entitled

A bill to provide vestibules on the rear end of street railway cars in this State.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Hatzenbuhler,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Hatzenbuhler, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 982, entitled

A bill to provide for the making of annual reports by certain corporations and to prescribe a penalty for neglecting or refusing to make such reports.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Hatzenbuhler,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Hatzenbuhler, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 983, entitled

A bill to authorize the city of Detroit to grant terminal facilities over an existing street railway track to any corporation hereafter organized.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Hatzenbuhler,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Locher, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 984, entitled

A bill to amend act number 206 of the public acts of 1893.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Locher,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. McCallum, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 985, entitled

A bill to make an appropriation for the erection of a fish hatchery in Delta county, and for the equipment thereof.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Fisheries and Game.

Mr. Aldrich, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 986, entitled

A bill to provide for the assessment and levy of taxes upon the property of railroad companies, express companies, telegraph companies and telephone companies, and the collection thereof.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Aldrich,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Scully, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 987, entitled

A bill to amend section 1 of act No. 203 of the public acts of 1895, entitled "An act to provide for the purity of political conventions, and to provide against corruption therein."

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Elections.

Mr. Scully, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 988, entitled

A bill to repeal act No. 29 of the public acts of 1887, entitled "An act

to provide for the payment of bounties for the killing of English sparrows," as amended by act No. 189, of the public acts of 1895, approved May 22, 1895.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on State Affairs.

Mr. Scully, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 989, entitled

A bill to make townships, cities and villages in the State of Michigan primarily liable for the payment of all claims incurred in the care of persons sick with contagious diseases or diseases dangerous to the public health incurred in preventing the spread of such diseases where the counties in said State are now primarily liable for such payment.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Public Health.

Mr. Scully, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 990, entitled

A bill to provide for the allowance of alimony to husbands upon the granting of divorces in certain cases.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Scully, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 991, entitled

A bill to amend section 9 of act No. 90 of the session laws of 1891, entitled "An act to amend section 9 of article 2 of act No. 198 of the session laws of 1873, being an act entitled "An act to revise the laws providing for the incorporation of railroad companies, and to regulate the running and management and to fix the duties and liabilities of all railroad or other corporations owning or operating any railroad in this State," as amended by act No. 177 of the session laws of 1877, of act 230 of the public acts of 1887, and act No. 202 of the public acts of 1899.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Scully,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Pack, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 992, entitled

A bill to amend sections 12 and 27 of chapter 7 and section 10 of chapter 8 and sections 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 8 of chapter 18 and section 6 of chapter 22 and sections 1 and 8 of chapter 26 and sections 4 and 5 of chapter 27 and to repeal all of chapter 31 of act No. 434 of the local acts of 1895, entitled "An act to incorporate the city of Three Rivers, and to repeal act No. 161 of the session laws of 1855, entitled 'An act to incorporate the village of Three Rivers,' approved February 13, 1855, and all amendments thereto," and to amend section 7 of chapter 30 of act No. 399 of the local acts of 1897, entitled "An act to amend chapter 30 of act No. 434 of the local acts of the State of Michigan for the year 1895, entitled 'An act to incorporate the city of Three Rivers,' and to repeal act No. 161 of the session laws of 1855, entitled 'An act to incorporate the village of Three Rivers,' approved February 13, 1855, and all amendments thereto."

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on City Corporations.

Mr. Pack, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 993, entitled

A bill to provide a board of conciliation.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Pack, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 994, entitled

A bill to amend section 5 of act No. 147 of the public acts of 1891, entitled "An act to provide for the election of a county commissioner of schools, for the appointment of school examiners, to define the duties and fix the compensation for the same, and to repeal all existing acts or parts of acts conflicting with the provisions of this act," being section 4812 of the compiled laws of 1897.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Pack,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Pack, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 995, entitled

A bill to amend section 15 of act number 194 of the public acts of 1889, entitled "An act to revise and consolidate the laws relative to the State Board of Education," as amended by act number 73 of the public acts of 1895, being section 1826 of the compiled laws of 1897.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Pack,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Herrig, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 996, entitled

A bill to amend section 1 of act 285 of the local acts of 1893, entitled "An act to provide for the compensation and to prescribe the duties of certain officers of the county of Saginaw."

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Towns and Counties.

Mr. Herrig, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 997, entitled

A bill to authorize the board of supervisors of Saginaw county to designate a depository for the money of said county, and to prescribe the duties of the county treasurer in relation thereto.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Towns and Counties.

Mr. Herrig, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 998, entitled

A bill to provide for prior liens against the property of railroad companies and street railway companies in certain cases.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Railroads.

Mr. Herrig, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 999, entitled

A bill to establish a county and township system of roads in the county of Saginaw, and to provide the money therefor.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Towns and Counties.

Mr. Herrig, unanimous consent being given, introduced
House bill No. 1,000, entitled

A bill to revise and amend an act entitled "An act to revise an act entitled 'An act to incorporate the Board of Education of the city of East Saginaw,'" and the several acts amendatory thereto.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and referred to the committee on City Corporations.

Mr. Herrig, unanimous consent being given, introduced
House bill No. 1001, entitled

A bill to provide for the incorporation and regulation of certain corporations known as building and loan associations, and to repeal all acts inconsistent herewith.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Private Corporations.

Mr. Herrig, unanimous consent being given, introduced
House bill No. 1002, entitled

A bill to create non-partisan boards of election inspectors in Saginaw county.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Elections.

Mr. Murdoch, unanimous consent being given, introduced
House joint resolution No. 1003, entitled

Joint resolution for the relief of Edward V. Esmond, of the township of Plainfield, county of Iosco, State of Michigan, on account of being illegally confined in the Northern Michigan Asylum.

The joint resolution was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Lugers, unanimous consent being given, introduced
House joint resolution No. 1004, entitled

Joint resolution for the relief of Harry E. Nies, of Company G, 32d Michigan Infantry; William K. Hiler, of Company L, 33d Michigan Infantry; John H. Valentine, of Company F, 32d Michigan Infantry; Hans Dykhuis, of Company E, 32d Michigan Infantry, and Merihew A. Smith, of Company L, 33d Michigan Infantry.

The joint resolution was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Lugers,

The joint resolution was laid on the table.

Mr. Davis, unanimous consent being given, introduced
House bill No. 1005, entitled

A bill to provide a uniform representation in all county and city political conventions called for the purpose of nominating persons for office.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Collins, unanimous consent being given, introduced
House bill No. 1006, entitled

A bill to regulate the laying out of highways through lands used for summer resorts.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

Mr. McLeod, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 1007, entitled

A bill to extend the corporate city limits of the city of Wyandotte, in the county of Wayne, State of Michigan, and to add additional territory to said city of Wyandotte.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. McLeod,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. McLeod, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 1008, entitled

A bill to amend section 3 of an act entitled "An act to establish a police court for the city of Detroit," approved June 9, 1885.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. McLeod,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. McLeod, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 1009, entitled

A bill to change the powers of the city of Detroit, with respect to street railroads in said city, and in the vicinity thereof.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. McLeod,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. McLeod, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 1010, entitled

A bill to amend sections 1, 7, 8, 9, 10, 47 and 48 of chapter 12 of an act entitled "An act to provide a charter for the city of Detroit, and to repeal all acts and parts of acts in conflict therewith," approved May 27, 1893.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. McLeod,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. McLeod, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 1011, entitled

A bill to authorize the city of Detroit to construct, acquire, maintain and operate street railways.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on City Corporations.

Mr. McLeod, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 1012, entitled

A bill to create a State library commission, which shall purchase all books, pamphlets, maps and other writing and documents for the State library, and to fix its membership and its powers, the duties and the compensation of its members, and to repeal section 10 of act No. 28 of the public acts of 1895.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on State Library.

Mr. McLeod, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 1013, entitled

A bill to annex the village of Highland Park to the city of Detroit, and to create an additional ward in said city.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on City Corporations.

Mr. McLeod, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 1014, entitled

A bill to fix the hours during which the polls of election shall be kept open on all election days in the city of Detroit.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Elections.

Mr. McLeod, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 1015, entitled

A bill to amend sections 5 and 47 of act No. 190, of the public acts of 1891, entitled "An act to prescribe the manner of conducting and to prevent fraud and (deception) deceptions at elections in this State," and to repeal all acts and parts of acts contravening the provisions of this act.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Elections.

Mr. McLeod, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 1016, entitled

A bill to amend section 33 of chapter 11 of act No. 326, of the session laws of 1883, entitled "An act to provide a charter for the city of Detroit, and to repeal all acts and parts of acts inconsistent therewith," approved June 7, 1883, as amended by act No. 544 of the local acts of 1887, approved June 24, 1887.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Labor.

Mr. McLeod, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 1017, entitled

A bill to amend act No. 184 of the public acts of 1895, entitled "An act to provide for the inspection of all manufacturing establishments and workshops in this State, and to provide for enforcement, regulation and inspection of such establishments, and the employment of women and children therein," to stand as section 20.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Labor.

Mr. McLeod, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 1018, entitled

A bill to authorize the common council of the city of Detroit to fix maximum rates of fare for passengers and freight on all street railway lines in the city of Detroit, and to make such other regulations relative to the running of cars as may be deemed necessary for the convenience and welfare of the public.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Private Corporations.

Mr. McLeod, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 1019, entitled

A bill to amend act No. 184 of the public acts of 1895, entitled "An act to provide for the inspection of all manufacturing establishments and workshops in this State, and to provide for the enforcement, regula-

tion and inspection of such establishments, and the employment of women and children therein," to stand as section 19.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Labor.

Mr. McLeod, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 1020, entitled

A bill to provide for the manner in which the common council of the city of Detroit may grant franchises for street railways.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on City Corporations.

Mr. Alward, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 1021, entitled

A bill making appropriations for the Michigan State Library for the six months ending June 30, 1899, and the fiscal years ending June 30, 1900, and June 30, 1901.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Alward,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Alward, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 1022, entitled

A bill to amend section 5 of act No. 148 of the public acts of 1873, entitled "An act relating to the accounting for money received and expended by certain officers," being section 1209 of the compiled laws of 1897.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Alward,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Foster, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 1023, entitled

A bill to amend section 17 of chapter 10, being compiler's section 483 of Howell's annotated statutes, and section 18 of chapter 10, the same being compiler's section 484 of Howell's annotated statutes, and section 19 of chapter 10, the same being compiler's section 485 of Howell's annotated statutes, relative to the powers and duties of the boards of supervisors of the several counties, and submitting to the people of the several counties of this State for the removal of the county seat.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Foster,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Foster, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 1024, entitled

A bill to amend subdivision 9 of section 9 of article 2 of act No. 198 of the public acts of 1873, entitled "An act to revise the laws providing for the incorporation of railroad companies, and to fix and regulate the running and management, and to fix the duties and liabilities of all railroads and other corporations owning and operating any railroad in this State."

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Foster,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Foster, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 1025, entitled

A bill to authorize the payment of unpaid State bounties to Michigan volunteers who enlisted under the State county act No. 27, approved February 4, 1865.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Foster,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Foster, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 1026, entitled

A bill to amend section 13 of chapter 234, the same being compiler's section 6196 of Howell's annotated statutes, and section 14 of chapter 234, the same being compiler's section 6197 of Howell's annotated statutes, relative to the renewals of chattel mortgages.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Foster,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Foster, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 1027, entitled

A bill making appropriations for the State School for the Blind for the six months ending June 30, 1899, and the fiscal years ending June 30, 1900, and June 30, 1901, and to provide for a tax to meet the same.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Foster,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Foster, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 1028, entitled

A bill to create a State bicycle road commission, to survey, build and maintain continuous bicycle roads or paths along, upon, or contiguous to certain public highways of this State, and to impose a tax upon bicycle owners and riders, to exempt bicycles from taxation as other property, and to repeal all acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Foster,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Foster, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 1029, entitled

A bill imposing a specific tax upon corporations and all associations and joint stock companies having any of the powers or privileges of

corporations not possessed by individuals or partnerships engaged in the business of mining, smelting and refining ores, or the mining and production of coal, or the production and manufacturing of salt within this State.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Foster,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Foster, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 1030, entitled

A bill to amend section 2 of title 4, sections 8 and 9 of title 24, and sections 1 and 2 of title 30, of act No. 424, of the local acts of 1895.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Foster,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Foster, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 1031, entitled

A bill to provide for a tax upon royalties and the collection thereof.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Foster,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Foster, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 1032, entitled

A bill to amend section 7 of chapter 83 of the revised statutes of 1846, entitled "Marriage and the solemnization thereof," as amended by act 85 of the public acts of 1873, being section 6215 of Howell's annotated statutes.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Foster, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 1033, entitled

A bill to amend sections 4 and 6 of act No. 128 of the public acts of 1887, entitled "An act for the requiring of a civil license in order to marry and the due registration of the same, and to provide a penalty for the violation of the provisions of the same," being compiler's section 6222d and 6222f, third volume of Howell's annotated statutes.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Kelly, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 1034, entitled

A bill providing for a license fee from insurance agents, brokers and solicitors.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Insurance.

Mr. Howell, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 1035, entitled

A bill to reorganize the medical department of the Michigan State

National Guard, and to repeal all acts or parts of acts in anywise contravening the provisions of this act.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Soper, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 1036, entitled

A bill to change the boundary of the village of Potterville in Eaton county, by detaching certain territory and adding the same to the township of Benton.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Towns and Counties.

Mr. Soper, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 1037, entitled

A bill to amend section 1 of chapter 9 of act No. 254 of 1897, entitled "An act to provide for the construction and maintenance of drains, and the assessment and collection of taxes therefor, and to repeal all other laws relative thereto."

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Drainage.

Mr. Soper, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 1038, entitled

A bill to incorporate the village of Sunfield, in the county of Eaton.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Village Corporations.

Mr. Burch, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 1039, entitled

A bill for the appointment of a superintendent of printing, and defining the duties of such officer.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the special committee on Printing Investigation.

Mr. Brownell, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 1040, entitled

A bill to provide for a reassessment and review of the same on the property benefited by the "Taylor Drain" in the township of Burlington, in the county of Lapeer.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Drainage.

Mr. Colby, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 1041, entitled

A bill to amend sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 of act No. . . . of the local acts of 1889, entitled "An act to provide for an associate judge of the recorder's court of the city of Detroit, and to authorize the Governor of the State to fill any vacancy therein," as amended, approved May 25, 1889.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Colby,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Colby, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 1042, entitled

A bill to repeal all of act No. 29 of the public acts of 1869, as amended by subsequent acts, and being compiler's sections 1494 to 1536, inclusive, of Howell's annotated statutes, entitled "An act to regulate the manufacture and provide for the inspection of salt."

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Colby,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Colby, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 1043, entitled

A bill to amend sections 1, 2 and 3 of chapter 15 of the charter of the city of Detroit, as amended, the same being compiler's sections 309, 310 and 311 of the compiled charter of 1893.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Colby,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Colby, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 1044, entitled

A bill to amend sections 1, 2 and 3 of chapter 4 of the charter of the city of Detroit, as amended, the same being compiler's sections 36, 37 and 38 of the revised charter of 1893.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Colby,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Colby, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 1045, entitled

A bill to provide for the assessment and levy of taxes upon the property of railroad companies, express companies, telegraph companies and telephone companies, and the collection thereof, and for the assessment and levy and collection of taxes upon shares in all other corporations organized under the laws of this State, and in banks organized under the laws of the United States, and to create a State board of assessors, and to define the duties and powers of said board, and to provide for the selection of members of said board and for their compensation, and to repeal all other acts or parts of acts in so far as such acts or parts of acts are inconsistent with this act, and to declare the purposes for which said taxes levied upon the property of railroad, express, telegraph and telephone companies shall be applied, and to require taxpayers to file sworn statements of their property.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Colby,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Colby, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 1046, entitled

A bill to authorize and empower the city of Detroit to pave between the tracks of the Detroit Electric Railway, from the westerly side of Scotten avenue, at the junction of Toledo avenue, westerly and southerly along the line of said tracks, to the northerly side of Dix avenue, and to repeal all acts or parts of acts contravening the provisions of this act.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Colby,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Colby, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 1047, entitled

A bill to amend section 26 of act No. 190 of the public acts of 1891, as amended by act No. 202 of the public acts of 1893, entitled "An act to prescribe the manner of conducting and to prevent fraud and (deception) deceptions, at elections in this State."

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Colby,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Colby, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 1048, entitled

A bill to amend sections 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 40 of chapter 11 of an act entitled "An act to provide a charter for the city of Detroit, and to repeal all acts or parts of acts in conflict therewith," approved June 7, 1883, as since amended, and to add two additional sections thereto to stand as sections 46 and 47, and to repeal all acts or parts of acts contravening the provisions of this act.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Colby,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Colby, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 1049, entitled

A bill to change the name of Charles Henry Sullivan, Lyda Sullivan and Harold Sullivan to Charles Henry Evans, Lyda Evans and Harold Evans, respectively.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Colby,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Colby, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 1050, entitled

A bill to amend act No. 460 of the local acts of 1895, entitled "An act to establish and provide justices' courts in the city of Detroit, and to

repeal act No. 280 of the local acts of 1883, entitled 'An act relative to justices' courts in the city of Detroit,' approved April 25, 1883, and all acts amendatory thereof," by adding thereto a new section to stand as section 15.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Colby,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Colby, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 1051, entitled

A bill to amend act No. 460 of the local acts of 1895, entitled "An act to establish and provide justices' courts for the city of Detroit, and to repeal act No. 280 of the local acts of 1883, entitled 'An act relative to justices' courts in the city of Detroit,' " approved April 25, 1883, and all acts amendatory thereof, by adding thereto a new section to stand as section 14.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Colby,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Colby, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 1052, entitled

A bill to amend sections 1, 3, 4, 5 and 11 of act No. 460 of the local acts of 1895, entitled "An act to establish and provide justices' courts in the city of Detroit, and to repeal act No. 280 of the local acts of 1883, entitled 'An act relative to justices' courts in the city of Detroit,' approved April 25, 1883, and all acts amendatory thereof," and to add two additional sections thereto, to stand as sections 14 and 15.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Colby,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Colby, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 1053, entitled

A bill to amend sections 1, 3, 4, 5 and 11 of act No. 460 of the local acts of 1895, entitled "An act to establish and provide justices' courts in the city of Detroit, and to repeal act No. 280 of the local acts of 1883, entitled 'An act relative to justices' courts in the city of Detroit,' " approved April 25, 1883, and all acts amendatory thereof.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Colby,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Colby, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 1054, entitled

A bill to repeal section 28 of an act entitled "An act to amend the laws relative to supplying the city of Detroit with pure and wholesome

water," approved February 14, 1853, being act No. 90 of the acts of 1853, as amended by the various acts amendatory thereof.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Colby,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Colby, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 1055, entitled

A bill to amend sections 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10 and 16 of act No. 389 of the local acts of 1895, entitled "An act to provide for a law department for the city of Detroit, to abolish the offices of city counselor and city attorney, and to repeal act No. 419 of the local acts of 1893, entitled 'An act supplemental to the charter of the city of Detroit, and to provide for a law department in said city,' approved June 1, 1893."

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Colby,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Colby, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 1056, entitled

A bill to amend sections 3, 5, 11, 21 and 22 of act No. 161 of the public acts of 1885, entitled "An act to establish the police court of the city of Detroit," approved June 9, 1885, as amended, the same being compiler's sections 6591f, 6591f2, 6591f8, 6591g8 and 6591g9 of Howell's annotated statutes, volume 3, as amended.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Colby,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Colby, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 1057, entitled

A bill to amend section 7 of chapter 320 of Howell's annotated statutes of Michigan, the same being chapter 156 of the revised statutes of 1846, and compiler's section 9241 of Howell's statutes, relative to offenses against public justice.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Colby,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Colby, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 1058, entitled

A bill to amend and revise each and every section of an act approved June 4, 1895, entitled "An act to amend and revise chapters 1 and 2 of an act entitled 'An act to provide a charter for the city of Detroit,' and to repeal all acts and parts of acts in conflict therewith," approved June 7, 1883.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Colby,
The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Colby, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 1059, entitled

A bill to amend the charter of the city of Detroit by adding two additional chapters thereto, to be known as chapters 32 and 33.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Colby,
The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Colby, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 1060, entitled

A bill to amend the charter of the city of Detroit, by adding two additional chapters thereto, to stand as chapters 34 and 35.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Colby,
The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Colby, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 1061, entitled

A bill to amend sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 10 of act No. 408 of the local acts of 1893, entitled "An act to amend sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 14, 18, 22, 47 and 48 of chapter 12 of an act entitled 'An act to provide a charter for the city of Detroit, and to repeal all acts and parts of acts in conflict therewith,' approved June 7, 1883," as amended by the several acts amendatory thereof, and to repeal all acts or parts of acts inconsistent herewith.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Colby,
The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Anderson, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 1062, entitled

A bill to amend section 20 of act No. 159 of the public acts of 1897, entitled "An act to revise and amend the laws for the protection of game."

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Fisheries and Game.

Mr. Anderson, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 1063, entitled

A bill making an appropriation to cover the deficit of the State Board of Fish Commissioners, June 30, 1897.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Fisheries and Game.

Mr. Anderson, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 1064, entitled

A bill to amend section 26 of act No. 190 of the public acts of 1891,

entitled "An act to prescribe the manner of conducting and to prevent fraud and (deception) deceptions at elections in this State," as amended by acts amendatory thereto.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Anderson,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Anderson, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 1065, entitled

A bill to amend sections 17 of act No. 313 of the public acts of 1887, entitled "An act to provide for the taxation and regulation of the business of manufacturing, selling, keeping for sale, and furnishing, giving or delivering spirituous and intoxicating liquors and malt, brewed or fermented liquors and vinous liquors in this State, and to repeal all acts or parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act," approved June 28, 1887, as amended by act No. 93, of the public acts of 1895.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Anderson,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Anderson, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 1066, entitled

A bill to amend sections 8 and 14 of title 10 of act No. 374 of the local acts of the State of Michigan for the year 1897, entitled "An act to revise the charter of the city of Grand Rapids," approved March 25, 1897, and to add one new section thereto to stand as section No. 32.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Anderson,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Anderson, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 1067, entitled

A bill to amend and revise the charter of the city of Grand Rapids, being act No. 374 of the local acts of the State of Michigan for the year 1897, approved March 25, 1897.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Anderson,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Gustin, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 1068, entitled

A bill to provide for the breeding of horses and cattle.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Gustin,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Gustin, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 1069, entitled

A bill to regulate foreign loan and building associations.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Gustin,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Gustin, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 1070, entitled

A bill to amend section 19 of act No. 249 of the local acts of 1871, entitled "An act to incorporate the city of Alpena," approved March 29, 1871, as amended, and to add a new section to stand as section 96.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Gustin,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Gustin, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 1071, entitled

A bill to amend sections 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143 of act No. 206 of the public acts of 1897, entitled "An act to provide for the assessment of property and levy and collection of taxes thereon, and for the collection of taxes heretofore and hereafter levied, making such taxes a lien on the lands taxed, establishing and continuing such lien, providing for the sale and conveyance of lands delinquent for taxes, and for the inspection and disposition of lands bid off to the State and not redeemed or purchased, and to repeal act No. 200 of the public acts of 1891 and all other acts or parts of acts in anywise contravening any of the provisions of this act."

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Gustin,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Gustin, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 1072, entitled

A bill to amend consecutive sections 1 to 54 inclusive, of act No. 206 of the public acts of 1897, being an act entitled "An act to provide for the assessment of property and the levy and collection of taxes thereon, and for the collection of taxes heretofore and hereafter levied, making such taxes a lien on the lands taxed, establishing and continuing such lien, providing for the sale and conveyance of lands delinquent for taxes, and for the inspection and disposition of lands bid off to the State and not redeemed or purchased, and to repeal act No. 200 of the public acts of 1891 and all other acts and parts of acts in anywise contravening the provisions of this act."

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Gustin,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Gustin, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 1073, entitled

A bill to amend consecutive sections 78 to 143 inclusive, of act No. 206 of the public acts of 1897, entitled "An act to provide for the assessment of property and levy and collection of taxes thereon, and for the collection of taxes heretofore and hereafter levied, making such taxes a lien on the lands taxed, establishing and continuing such lien, providing for the sale and conveyance of lands delinquent for taxes, and for the inspection and disposition of lands bid off to the State and not redeemed or purchased, and to repeal act No. 200 of the public acts of 1891 and all other acts or parts of acts in anywise contravening any of the provisions of this act."

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Gustin,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Gustin, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 1074, entitled

A bill to regulate foreign building and loan associations.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Gustin,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Gustin, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 1075, entitled

A bill to amend sections 1 to 95 inclusive, of act number 249 of the local acts of the year 1871, entitled "An act to incorporate the city of Alpena," and acts amendatory thereto.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Gustin,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Gustin, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 1076, entitled

A bill to incorporate the city of Alpena.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Gustin,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Gustin, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 1077, entitled

A bill to amend section 9 of article 2 of chapter 164 of the compiled laws of the year 1897, entitled "Railroad companies."

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Railroads.

Mr. Gillette, previous notice having been given and leaving being granted, introduced

House bill No. 1078, entitled

A bill to consolidate school district No. 18, fractional, of the city and

township of Niles, in the county of Berrien and State of Michigan, with graded school district No. 1 of said city and township.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Education.

Mr. Heineman, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 1079, entitled

A bill to amend an act entitled "An act to provide a charter for the city of Detroit, and to repeal all acts and parts of acts in conflict therewith," approved June 7, 1883, and being act 326 of the local acts of 1883, and acts amendatory thereof, by adding a new section to chapter 7, to stand as section 66.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on City Corporations.

Mr. Heineman, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 1080, entitled

A bill to amend section 2 of act number 10 of the publicacts of the State of Michigan of the year 1895, entitled "An act to establish a board of health for the city of Detroit," to provide for the appointment of city physicians of the city of Detroit by said health board, to prescribe their duties and fix their compensation, and to provide for the payment thereof.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on City Corporations.

Mr. Heineman, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 1081, entitled

A bill to amend chapter 20 of the charter of the city of Detroit, as compiled in 1893.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Heineman,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Heineman, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 1082, entitled

A bill to amend chapter 19 of the charter of the city of Detroit, as compiled in 1893.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Heineman,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Heineman, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 1083, entitled

A bill to amend an act entitled "An act relative to supplying the city of Detroit with pure and wholesome water," approved February 14, 1853, as amended by the various acts amendatory thereof.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Heineman,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Heineman, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 1084, entitled

A bill to authorize the State fish commission to enter into agreements with the city of Detroit for the removal of certain plants and appliances of said commission in said city, to Belle Isle Park, in said city, and the operation thereof at said place.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Heineman,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Heineman, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 1085, entitled

A bill to amend chapter 29 of the charter of the city of Detroit, as compiled in 1893.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Heineman,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Heineman, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 1086, entitled

A bill to amend chapter 21 of the charter of the city of Detroit, as compiled in 1893.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Heineman,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Heineman, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 1087, entitled

A bill to amend section 33 of an act entitled "An act to amend an act entitled 'An act supplemental to the charter of the city of Detroit, and relating to parks, boulevards and other public grounds in said city,' and to repeal act No. 374 of the local acts of 1879, entitled 'An act to provide for the establishment and maintenance of a broad street or boulevard about the limits of the city of Detroit, and through portions of the townships of Hamtramck, Greenfield and Springwells, in the county of Wayne,'" approved May 21, 1879, as amended by the several acts amendatory thereof.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Heineman,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Colby, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 1088, entitled

A bill to levy, assess and collect a license upon bicycles ridden in this State, and to provide for the disposition of the same, to create a commission to supervise the mapping, survey, construction and maintenance of bicycle paths, and to define its powers.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Colby,
The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Colby, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill 1089, entitled

A bill to prohibit any person not authorized to practice as an attorney at law, in the circuit courts of this State, from holding himself out as, or representing to any person that he is an attorney, or from soliciting legal professional business from persons in or about to enter into litigation, without notifying such person that he is not an attorney, and to provide a penalty therefor, and to repeal all acts or parts of acts contravening the provisions of this act.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Colby,
The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Colby, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 1090, entitled

A bill to provide punishment for stealing bicycles and for the receiving, buying, concealing or aiding in the concealment of the same, knowing them to have been stolen.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Colby,
The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Colby, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 1091, entitled

A bill to amend chapter 123 of the revised statutes of 1846, the same being chapter 286 of Howell's annotated statutes, entitled "An act relative to proceedings to recover the possession of lands in certain cases," as amended by the several acts amendatory thereof.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Colby,
The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Colby, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 1092, entitled

A bill to provide a punishment for any person who shall neglect or refuse to deliver up any property replevied from him in accordance with the terms of the judgment in such case.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Colby,
The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Colby, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 1093, entitled

A bill to amend sections 1, 2 and 3 of chapter 111 of the revised statutes of 1846, the same being chapter 272 of Howell's annotated statutes of Michigan entitled "An act relative to trespass on lands," as amended.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Colby,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Colby, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 1094, entitled

A bill to amend section 32 of act No. 190 of the public acts of 1891, entitled "An act to prescribe the manner of conducting and to prevent fraud and (deception) deceptions at elections in this State, as amended by act No. 202 of the public acts of 1893, and to repeal all acts contravening the provisions of this act."

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Colby,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Colby, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 1095, entitled

A bill to amend section 36 of act No. 177 of the public acts of 1859, as amended by act No. 112 of the public acts of 1871, the same being compiler's section No. 121 of Howell's statutes, entitled "An act further to preserve the purity of elections and guard against the abuse of the elective franchise by a registration of electors, and to repeal all acts or parts of acts, whether general or local, contravening the provisions of this act."

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Colby,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Colby, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 1096, entitled

A bill to amend act number 206 of the public acts of 1893, entitled "An act to provide for the assessment of property and the levy (and collection)" of taxes thereon, and for the collection of taxes heretofore and hereafter levied, making such taxes a lien on the lands taxed, establishing and continuing such lien, providing for the sale and conveyance of lands delinquent for taxes, and for the inspection and disposition of lands bid off to the State and not redeemed or purchased, and to repeal act number 200 of the public acts of 1891 and all other acts and parts of acts in anywise contravening the provisions of this act.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Colby,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Colby, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 1097, entitled

A bill to amend sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 22, 28, 29, 32, 36, 37, 47 and 48 of act No. 190 of the public acts of 1891, entitled "An act to prescribe the manner of conducting and to prevent fraud and (deception) deceptions at elections in this State," as amended by the several acts amendatory thereof.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Colby,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Colby, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 1098, entitled

A bill to amend sections 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15 of act No. 190 of the public acts of 1891, entitled "An act to prescribe the manner of conducting and to prevent fraud and (deception) deceptions at elections in this State," as amended by the several acts amendatory thereof.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Colby,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Colby, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 1099, entitled

A bill to amend sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 29 of act number 177 of the public acts of 1859, entitled "An act further to preserve the purity of elections and guard against the abuse of the elective franchise by a registration of electors," as amended by the several acts amendatory thereof, the same being compiler's sections numbers 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92 and 114 of Howell's statutes.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Colby,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Eikhoff, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 1100, entitled

A bill to provide separate grades for railroads and public highways and streets, where railroads intersect such highways and streets.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Eikhoff,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Kerr, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 1101, entitled

A bill to revise the laws providing for the incorporation of Protestant Episcopal churches.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Religious and Benevolent Societies.

Mr. Kerr, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 1102, entitled

A bill to amend sections 2, 12, 17, 22 and 23 of chapter 257 of Howell's annotated statutes of Michigan, being continuous sections 7291, 7301, 7306, 7311 and 7312 of said statutes.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Revision and Amendment of the Statutes.

Mr. Goodell, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 1103, entitled

A bill to amend section 14 of act No. 146 of the laws of Michigan for

the year 1857, entitled "An act to provide for the organization of the supreme court pursuant to section 2 of article 6 of the constitution," approved February 16, 1857, as amended, relative to salaries of justices of the supreme court, and requiring them to reside during their terms of office in the city of Lansing, being compiler's section 6393 of Howell's annotated statutes of the State of Michigan, as amended by act 182 of the public acts of 1893.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Goodell,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Goodell, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 1104, entitled

A bill to prescribe the manner of selecting delegates at any county convention to any State or congressional convention.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Goodell,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Goodell, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 1105, entitled

A bill to provide for the propagation and preservation of thoroughbred horses, cattle, sheep and swine.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Goodell,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Gordon, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House joint resolution No. 1106, entitled

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to section 15 of article 4 of the constitution of the State, relative to the compensation of members of the legislature.

The joint resolution was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Wheeler, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House joint resolution No. 1107, entitled

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution by adding a new section to article 21 to stand as section 30, prohibiting the acceptance of passes, franking privileges, etc.

The joint resolution was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Crosby, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 1108, entitled

A bill to amend and revise act No. 216 of the public acts of 1895, entitled "An act regulating the bringing of actions for and limiting damages for libel and slander in respect to feelings, and providing for separate awards by juries in such actions."

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

Mr. McCall, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 1109, entitled

A bill to amend act No. 2 of the public acts of 1885, entitled "An act to prohibit justices of the peace or any judge or justice of any police court

from sentencing or committing persons to the State House of Correction and Reformatory at Ionia in certain cases."

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Gray, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 1110, entitled

A bill to regulate and limit the employment of legal counsel by the State, or any of the departments thereof.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on State Affairs.

Mr. McLean, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 1111, entitled

A bill for the limitation of claims against the estates of deceased persons in certain cases.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title; and referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

Mr. Gustin, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 1112, entitled

A bill to amend sections 4, 5 and 10 of act number 358 of the local acts of 1877, entitled "An act to incorporate the public schools of the township of Long Rapids."

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Towns and Counties.

Mr. Gustin, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 1113, entitled

A bill to amend sections 4, 5 and 10 of act number 358 of the local acts of 1877, entitled "An act to incorporate the public schools of the township of Long Rapids."

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Towns and Counties.

Mr. Gustin, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 1114, entitled

A bill to regulate the holding of political offices in this State.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on State Affairs.

Mr. Anderson, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 1115, entitled

A bill to authorize the city of Grand Rapids to issue its bonds for the purpose of purchasing land beyond the limits of said city for the purpose of securing a water supply for said city, for erection and maintenance of filter beds and pumping facilities and for use as public parks.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Anderson,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Anderson, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 1116, entitled

A bill to authorize Alfred O. Crozier and such persons as he may associate with him, to form a corporation, to be known as the "Grand Rapids Belt Terminal Railway Company."

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on City Corporations.

Mr. Eikhoff, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 1117, entitled

A bill to amend section 11 of an act to establish and provide justices' courts in the city of Detroit, and to repeal act number 280 of the local acts of 1883, entitled "An act relative to justices' courts in the city of Detroit," approved April 25, 1883, and all acts amendatory thereof.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on City Corporations.

Mr. Eikhoff, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 1118, entitled

A bill regulating the opening and closing of stores and places where goods are bought and sold.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Labor.

Mr. Eikhoff, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 1119, entitled

A bill to prohibit any person, firm, company or corporation from selling, giving, delivering or issuing to any person employed by him or it, in payment of wages due for labor, or as advances on the wages of labor not due, any script, token, draft, check or other evidence of indebtedness, purporting to be payable or redeemable otherwise than in money, and to provide a penalty therefor.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Labor.

Mr. Eikhoff, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 1120, entitled

A bill to regulate steam engineering in the State of Michigan.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Labor.

Mr. Eikhoff, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 1121, entitled

A bill to regulate telephone service, and the price of telephones within this State, and to prevent discrimination.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Private Corporations.

Mr. Doyle, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 1122, entitled

A bill to regulate highway corporations and other common carriers in this State, and to define the powers and duties of the board of railway commissioners in relation to the same, and to prevent and punish extortion and unjust discrimination in the rates charged for the transportation of passengers and freights on railroads in this State, and to prescribe the mode of procedure and the rules of evidence in relation thereto, and to repeal all laws in force in direct conflict with the provisions of this act.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Railroads.

Mr. Doyle, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 1123, entitled

A bill to prevent all railroad companies in this State, and all companies

operating lines in this State carrying sleeping cars, from lowering upper berths when not sold and in actual use.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Private Corporations.

Mr. Brownell, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 1124, entitled

A bill to provide that Long Lake, in the township of Arcadia, county of Lapeer, shall be a private fishing pond.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Fisheries and Game.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Wood offered the following:

Resolved, During this evening's session, when the House reaches the order of Introduction of Bills, the Clerk shall call the roll and, as the name of each member is called, that member shall introduce the bill or bills which he may have ready.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Hofmeister offered the following:

Whereas, There are before the committee on State Affairs numerous bills relative to the beet sugar industry; and

Whereas, The said committee is without information as to the manner of manufacturing beet sugar, and such other desired information upon that subject; therefore

Resolved, That the said committee is hereby authorized to visit and inspect the Bay City sugar factory for the purpose of obtaining such information as may be gathered from such inspection.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution,

Mr. Kelly moved that the resolution be laid on the table.

On which motion,

Mr. Kelly demanded the yeas and nays,

The demand was seconded, and the motion did not prevail by yeas and nays as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Anderson
Brownell
Burdick
Burfoot
Chandler
Colby
Fleischhauer
Foster
Gillette
Gray

Mr. Handy
Hart
Howell
Keep
Kelly
Kingott
McCall
McCallum
McKay

Mr. Murdoch
Nevins
Oberdorffer
Robinson
Soper
Stumpenhuisen
Waterbury
Watters
Wheeler

NAYS.

Mr. Aldrich	Mr. Goodell	Mr. Rulison
Alward	Heck	Schmidt
Baumgærtner	Herrig	Scully
Bryan	Hofmeister	Shepherd
Burch	Kerr	Shisler
Buskirk	Locher	Stewart
Caldwell	Lugers	Sutherland
Carton	Lusk	Taziman
Chamberlain	McLean	Wayne
Cheever	Miller	Weier
Collins	Nash	Whitney
Dudley	Niedermeier	Wood
Eikhoff	Randall	Woodruff
Gillam	Reed, G. W.	Speaker

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The question being on the adoption of the resolution,

Mr. Carton moved that the resolution be amended by inserting after the words "said committee," the words "and the committee on Private Corporations."

On which motion,

Mr. Hart demanded the yeas and nays.

The demand was seconded, and

Pending discussion,

Mr. Shepherd demanded the previous question.

The demand was seconded.

The question being shall the main question be now put,

The same was ordered.

The question being on the motion to amend the resolution,

The motion then prevailed by yeas and nays as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Aldrich	Mr. Eikhoff	Mr. McKay
Baumgærtner	Gillam	McLean
Bryan	Goodell	McLeod
Burch	Gordon	Niedermeier
Burdick	Gray	Randall
Buskirk	Gustin	Reed, G. W.
Caldwell	Hatzenbuhler	Shepherd
Carton	Herrig	Shisler
Chamberlain	Hofmeister	Van Camp
Chandler	Howell	Wayne
Cheever	Keep	Weier
Colby	Kelly	Whitney
Collins	Kerr	Wood
Crosby	Lugers	Woodruff
Dudley		

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NAYS.

Mr. Alward	Mr. McCall	Mr. Schmidt
Brownell	Miller	Scully
Burfoot	Moore	Soper
Dickinson	Murdoch	Stewart
Doyle	Nash	Stumpenhusen
Fleischhauer	Nevins	Sutherland
Gillette	Read, J. H.	Waterbury
Hart	Reed, W. A.	Wheeler
Kingott	Robinson	Speaker
Locher		

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The resolution was then adopted.

On motion of Mr. Herrig,

The House took a recess until 8 o'clock this evening.

 EVENING SESSION.

8 o'clock p. m.

The House met and was called to order by the Speaker.

Roll called: quorum present.

The House resumed the regular order.

On motion of Mr. Niedermeier,

Leave of absence was granted to himself until Monday next.

On motion of Mr. Howell,

Leave of absence was granted to Mr. Hart indefinitely.

On motion of Mr. Davis,

Leave of absence was granted to himself for the remainder of the week.

On motion of Mr. Colby,

Leave of absence was granted to himself until Monday next.

On motion of Mr. Woodruff,

Leave of absence was granted to himself until Monday next.

On motion of Mr. Gray,

Leave of absence was granted to himself until Monday next.

On motion of Mr. Van Camp,

Leave of absence was granted to himself until Monday next.

On motion of Mr. Murdoch,

Leave of absence was granted to himself until Monday next.

On motion of Mr. Lugers,

Leave of absence was granted to himself until Monday next.

On motion of Mr. Crosby,

Leave of absence was granted to himself until Monday next.

On motion of Mr. W. A. Reed,

Leave of absence was granted to Mr. Hall indefinitely on account of sickness.

On motion of Mr. Schmidt,

Leave of absence was granted to himself until Monday next.

On motion of Mr. Foster,

Leave of absence was granted to himself until Monday next.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS.

No. 90. By Mr. Bryan: Petition of 105 citizens of Wayne county for a law prohibiting the shooting of live pigeons when released from a trap. Referred to the committee on Fisheries and Game.

No. 91. By Mr. W. A. Reed: Petition for an amendment to the constitution.

Referred to the committee on Judiciary.

No. 92. By Mr. W. A. Reed: Petition of 92 members of Fremont Farmers' Club, for an anti-saloon bill.

Referred to the committee on Liquor Traffic.

No. 93. By Mr. Shepherd: Petition of 135 citizens of Emmet county, for the prohibition of fishing other than by hook and line in Crooked lake and river and Pickerel lake and channel.

Referred to the committee on Fisheries and Game.

No. 94. By Mr. Shepherd: Petition of 46 citizens of Burt township, in Cheboygan county, to incorporate the union schools of said township.

Referred to the committee on Education.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

By the committee on Institution for the Deaf and Dumb:

The committee on Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, to whom was referred

House bill No. 219, entitled

A bill authorizing school district boards, boards of trustees of graded school districts, and boards of education in cities, to establish and maintain day schools for the deaf, and authorizing payment therefor from the primary school interest fund.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to request of the House that the bill be printed for the use of the committee.

GEO. W. RULISON,

Chairman.

Report accepted.

The question being on ordering the bill printed for the use of the committee,

The House so ordered.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

By the special committee on Peace Jubilee:

The joint committee on Peace Jubilee have the honor to inform you that arrangements have been perfected for carrying out the proposed program Thursday evening of the present week. The exercises will be conducted in the hall of the House of Representatives and will consist of addresses by several distinguished citizens, interspersed by musical selections. The program will commence at 8 o'clock, and we hope the hall will be tested to its fullest seating capacity, and that the occasion will be patriotic and memorable in every respect.

Gen. Duffield has assured the committee that he will be present as one of the speakers, and we are hopeful of having Secretary of War Alger, unless sickness in his family prevents.

Seats will be reserved for members of the House and their families. Every Representative is cordially invited.

Yours very respectfully,

GEO. L. LUSK,
Chairman of Joint Committee.

Report accepted.

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.

The Speaker announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, February 21, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instruted by the Senate to return to the House the following bill:

House bill No. 77, entitled

A bill for the organization of corporate Methodist Episcopal churches.

And to inform the House that the Senate has amended the same, as follows:

By striking out section 6 and by inserting the following to stand as section 6.

Section 6. The temporalities of said church shall be managed by a board of trustees consisting of five members, to be elected by said corporation from its members, the said trustees to hold their office for the term of one year. Vacancies in said board may be filled at any time for the balance of the term by an election as in other cases.

In the passage of which, as thus amended, the Senate has concurred by a majority vote of all the Senators elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect, has ordered the same to take immediate effect.

Very respectfully,

CHARLES S. PIERCE,
Secretary of the Senate.

The question being on concurring in the amendment made by the Senate to the bill,

Mr. Davis moved to amend the Senate amendment striking out the word "five" where it occurs before the word members, and inserting in lieu thereof the words "not less than three nor more than nine."

Which motion prevailed.

The question being on concurring in the amendment made by the Senate to the bill, as amended by the House,

The House concurred, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Aldrich
Alward
Anderson

Mr. Gillette
Goodell
Gordon

Mr. Niedermeier
Pearson
Phillips

Mr. Baumgärtner	Mr. Gray	Mr. Randall
Brownell	Gustin	Read, J. H.
Bryan	Handy	Reed, G. W.
Burdick	Herrig	Reed, W. A.
Buskirk	Hofmeister	Robinson
Caldwell	Howell	Rulison
Carton	Keep	Schmidt
Chamberlain	Kerr	Scully
Chandler	Kingott	Shepherd
Cheever	Locher	Soper
Colby	Lugers	Stumpenhusen
Collins	Lusk	Sutherland
Davis	McCall	Taziman
Dickinson	McKay	Weier
Dudley	McLean	Wheeler
Eikhoff	Miller	Whitney
Fleischhauer	Murdoch	Wood
Foster	Nash	Woodruff
Gillam	Nevins	Speaker

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NAYS.

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INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

Mr. Anderson, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 1125, entitled

A bill to provide for compulsory arbitration by street and suburban electric railroad companies, upon the matter of jointly using existing tracks belonging to any such company.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Anderson,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Caldwell, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 1126, entitled

A bill to regulate telephonic service and to provide for the exchange of business between companies doing business in this State.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Private Corporations.

Mr. Chandler, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 1127, entitled

A bill to amend act No. 533 of the local acts of Michigan of 1887, approved June 21, 1887, as amended by the several acts amendatory thereof, entitled "An act to incorporate the city of Sault Ste. Marie, and to repeal an act entitled 'An act to reincorporate the village of Sault Ste. Marie,' approved May 29, 1879, as amended."

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Chandler,
The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Chandler, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 1128, entitled

A bill to detach certain territory from the present townships of Rudyard, Dafter and Pickford, in Chippewa county, and to organize the same into a separate township, to be known as the township of Kinross, in said county.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Chandler,
The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Chandler, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 1129, entitled

A bill to authorize the issue and sale of Mackinac Island State Park bonds for the purpose of creating a fund for the improvement of said park, and to provide for their redemption.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Chandler,
The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Chandler, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 1130, entitled

A bill to establish a State gas and electric light board, and defining its powers and duties.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Chandler,
The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Chandler, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 1131, entitled

A bill to vacate the township of Holmes, in the county of Mackinac, and to incorporate its territory within the present village of Mackinac, in said county, the same to be hereafter known as the village of Mackinac Island.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Chandler,
The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Chandler, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 1132, entitled

A bill declaring the city (formerly village) of Sault Ste. Marie in Chippewa county, to have a valid and subsisting lien upon certain lands within its limits, for village taxes heretofore levied and assessed thereon by the village of Sault Ste. Marie, and to provide additional remedies for the enforcing of said lien, and collecting said taxes, and for the re-assessment and collection of certain of said taxes.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Chandler,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Chandler, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 1133, entitled

A bill to revise the charter of the city of Sault Ste. Marie.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Chandler,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Chandler, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 1134, entitled

A bill to detach Mackinac Island, Bois Blanc Island, and Round Island, from the county of Mackinac, and to organize the same into a new county, to be known as Island county.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Chandler,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Chandler, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 1135, entitled

A bill to amend sections 30, 31, 32 and 33 of act No. 206 of the public acts of 1893, entitled "An act for the assessment of property and the levy and collection of taxes thereon, and for the collection of taxes heretofore and hereafter levied, making such taxes a lien on the lands taxed, establishing and continuing such liens, providing for the sale and conveyance of lands delinquent for taxes, and for the inspection and disposition of lands bid off to the State and not redeemed or purchased, and to repeal act No. 200 of the public acts of 1891, and all other acts and parts of acts in anywise contravening any of the provisions of this act."

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Chandler,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Colby, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 1136, entitled

A bill to prescribe the manner of appointing electors of president and vice president of the United States.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Colby,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Colby, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 1137, entitled

A bill to prescribe the punishment for crimes and misdemeanors.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Colby,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Colby, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House joint resolution No. 1138, entitled

Joint resolution proposing an amendment to section 11 of article 14 of the constitution of this State, relative to finance and taxation.

The joint resolution was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Colby,

The joint resolution was laid on the table.

Mr. Colby, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House joint resolution No. 1139, entitled

Joint resolution proposing an amendment to section 15 of article 4 of the constitution of this State, relative to providing compensation of the members of the Legislature.

The joint resolution was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Colby,

The joint resolution was laid on the table.

Mr. Colby, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 1140, entitled

A bill to amend sections 44 and 45 of chapter 62 of the revised statutes of 1846, the same being compiler's section 5561 of Howell's annotated statutes.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Colby,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Eikhoff, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 1141, entitled

A bill to amend section 2 of act 140 of the session laws of 1867, the same being chapter 103 of Howell's annotated statutes, relating to the licensing and taxing of express companies incorporated in other states.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Eikhoff,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Foster, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 1142, entitled

A bill to amend section 4 of act No. 193 of the public acts of 1895, entitled "An act to prohibit and prevent adulteration, fraud and deception in the manufacture and sale of articles of food and drink."

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Public Health.

Mr. Foster, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 1143, entitled

A bill to regulate electric roads.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Private Corporations.

Mr. Gillam, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 1144, entitled

A bill making an appropriation of State swamp lands for the purpose of clearing out the east branch of the Au Gres river, in the township of Sherman, in the county of Iosco.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Gillam,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Gillam, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 1145, entitled

A bill to regulate the bringing of actions for damages for libel and slander, and to repeal all acts and parts of acts in anywise contravening the provisions of this act.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Gillam,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Gustin, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 1146, entitled

A bill to amend sections 18, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33 and 34 of act No. 206 of the public acts of 1893, entitled "An act to provide for the assessment of property and the levy and collection of taxes heretofore and hereafter levied, making such taxes a lien on the lands taxed, establishing and continuing said lien; providing for the sale and conveyance of lands delinquent for taxes; and for the inspection and disposing of lands bid off to the State and not redeemed; and to repeal act No. 200 of the public acts of 1891, and all other acts and parts of acts in anywise contravening the provisions of this act," as amended by acts No. 25, 154, 162 and 229 of the public acts of 1895, and acts 206, 214, 224, 225, 229, 240 and 265 of the public acts of 1897.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on General Taxation.

Mr. Gustin, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 1147, entitled

A bill to create a commission and define its duties and powers, and make an appropriation of money for the purpose of making an exhibit of the various manufactures of the products of the State of Michigan, of the Ohio Centennial Exposition, at Toledo, in the years 1902 and 1903.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Gustin,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Gustin, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 1148, entitled

A bill to provide for the securing, filing and publishing statistics of taxation and information in relation to the operation of the revenue laws.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Gustin,

The bill as laid on the table.

Mr. Gustin, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 1149, entitled

A bill to provide for the use of gasoline of a gravity of 66 to 76 degrees, inclusive, for illuminating purposes, used in lamps of a proper and safe construction, to be determined by a State board of inspectors.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Gustin,

The bill as laid on the table.

Mr. Gustin, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 1150, entitled

A bill to provide for the inspection of gasoline, a product of petroleum, to be used for illuminating purposes.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Gustin,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Handy, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 1151, entitled

A bill to provide for the management of corporations incorporated under act No. 50 of the public acts of 1897, and acts amendatory thereto, entitled "An act to provide for the incorporation and regulation of certain corporations generally known as building and loan associations."

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Handy,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Lusk, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 1152, entitled

A bill for an act to encourage the manufacture of steel and iron in the State of Michigan, and to pay a compensation therefor, and to make an appropriation therefor.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

Mr. Lusk, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 1153, entitled

A bill to provide a tax to meet the amounts disbursed by the State at the several asylums for the support of patients under the several laws relating thereto.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

Mr. Lusk, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 1154, entitled

A bill to provide a tax to meet the amounts disbursed by the State for the current expenses of the Michigan State Prison, the State House of Correction and Reformatory, and the State House of Correction and Branch Prison, Upper Peninsula.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

Mr. Lusk, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 1155, entitled

A bill to provide a tax to meet the several appropriations for which a tax is not otherwise provided, for the general expenses of the State government, salaries of the State officers, expenses of the State departments, and expenses of the Legislature for the years 1899 and 1900.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

Mr. McCall, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 1156, entitled

A bill to repeal act No. 2 of the public acts of 1885, entitled "An act to prohibit justices of the peace or any judge or justice of any police court, from sentencing or committing persons to the State House of Correction and Reformatory at Ionia, in certain cases," being section 9755a of Howell's annotated statutes.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

Mr. McCallum, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 1157, entitled

A bill making appropriations for the current expenses of the State Normal College for the years 1899 and 1900.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Normal Schools.

Mr. McCallum, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 1158, entitled

A bill making appropriations for additions to the training school building of the State Normal College, and for improvements on building and grounds.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Normal Schools.

Mr. McLean, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 1159, entitled

A bill to amend section 49 of act No. 118 of the public acts of 1893, being an act entitled "An act to revise and consolidate the laws relative to the State Prison, to the State House of Correction and the branch of the State Prison in the upper peninsula, and to the House of Correction and Reformatory at Ionia," and to repeal all acts inconsistent therewith.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

Mr. McLean, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 1160, entitled

A bill to repeal "An act to ascertain the annual cereal products of the State of Michigan," approved February 14, 1859, as amended by act No. 24, session laws of 1879, and by act No. 21 of the public acts of 1887.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Revision and Amendment of the Statutes.

Mr. Murdoch, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 1161, entitled

A bill to regulate the price of telephones and telephone service charges in this State.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Private Corporations.

Mr. Pearson, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 1162, entitled

A bill to provide for the regulation and establishment of the rates, charges and compensation of telegraph companies doing business in this State.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Private Corporations.

Mr. Pearson, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House joint resolution No. 1163, entitled

Joint resolution proposing an amendment to section 22 of article 4 of the constitution of the State of Michigan, relating to State printing and binding.

The joint resolution was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

Mr. J. H. Read, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House joint resolution No. 1164, entitled

Joint resolution proposing an amendment to section 15, article 4 of the constitution of the State of Michigan, relative to the Legislative department.

The joint resolution was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on State Affairs.

Mr. W. A. Reed (for Mr. Hall), previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 1165, entitled

A bill to provide for the adoption, distribution and maintenance of a uniform series of school text-books throughout the State of Michigan.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee.

On motion of Mr. W. A. Reed,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. W. A. Reed (for Mr. Hall), previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 1166, entitled

A bill to regulate the use of political campaign funds and to require State and county chairmen, secretaries, treasurers, executive committees, and agents of political parties to render itemized accounts to contributors of all moneys received and paid out.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. W. A. Reed,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. W. A. Reed (for Mr. Hall), unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 1167, entitled

A bill to limit the several amounts which may be allowed by the Board of State Auditors in any one year, for the contingent expenses of the several departments and offices of the State government.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. W. A. Reed,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Shepherd, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 1168, entitled

A bill to provide for the incorporation of Protestant Episcopal churches.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Shepherd,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Soper, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 1169, entitled

A bill providing for the payment of salaries to county officers and providing for the disposition of the fees received by such officers.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Towns and Counties.

Mr. Waterbury, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 1170, entitled

A bill making an appropriation for the current expenses of the Eastern Michigan Asylum for the years 1899 and 1900.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Waterbury,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Waterbury, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 1171, entitled

A bill to provide that all State and private banks shall give good and sufficient bonds for the security of their depositors.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Waterbury,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Wayne, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 1172, entitled

A bill to prohibit banks and trust companies, organized under the laws of the State of Michigan, from purchasing, holding, or owning any stock or bonds of other corporations.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Private Corporations.

Mr. Wayne, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 1173, entitled

A bill to fix and determine the age and limit of persons eligible to life insurance and its benefits and to provide a penalty for the violation of any of the provisions of this act.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Private corporations.

Mr. Wheeler, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 1174, entitled

A bill to amend subdivision 9 of section 9 of article 2, of act No. 198, of the public acts of 1873, entitled "An act to revise the laws providing for the incorporation of railroad companies, and to fix and regulate the running and management, and to fix the duties and liabilities of all railroads and other corporations owning and operating any railroad in this State."

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Railroads.

Mr. Whitney, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 1175, entitled

A bill to repeal the charter of the place now known as the city of Lansing, disorganizing said city and reorganizing the same into a district to be known as the district of Lansing, said district to be governed by rules and regulations laid down by the body commonly called "The Michigan State Legislature," said district to be hereafter equal in all respects with the District of Columbia.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Whitney,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Whitney, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 1176, entitled

A bill to compel the township of Crockery in the county of Ottawa to open the highway and construct the necessary bridge or bridges thereon, on the county line between the township of Sullivan, Muskegon county, and the said township of Crockery, said road being the east one-half mile between said townships and to provide a penalty for the failure to comply with the provisions of this act.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

Mr. Crosby, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House joint resolution No. 1177, entitled

Joint resolution proposing an amendment to section 15 of article 4 of the constitution of this State, relative to the compensation of the members of the Michigan Legislature.

The joint resolution was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on State Affairs.

Mr. Miller, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House joint resolution No. 1178, entitled

Joint resolution directing the Board of State Auditors to investigate and examine the claim of George J. LaDu, of Newberry, Michigan, against the State of Michigan, on account of personal injuries received by him while in the employ of the State, at the Upper Peninsula Hospital for the Insane, and to provide for the payment to him of a sufficient sum of money to compensate him for his damages sustained.

The joint resolution was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on State Affairs.

Mr. Alward, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 1179, entitled

A bill to authorize the board of supervisors in the several counties of this State to provide for a board of forestry and to provide a fund for the payment of premiums in certain cases.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Alward,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Chamberlain, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 1180, entitled

A bill to provide for an appropriation to enable the University of Michigan to maintain a summer school.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on University.

Mr. Chamberlain, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 1181, entitled

A bill making an appropriation to enable the University of Michigan to increase its hospital facilities, and equip a building for instruction in science.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on University.

Mr. Anderson, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 1182, entitled

A bill to amend section 14 of act No. 148 of the public acts of 1855, entitled "An act to provide for the construction of train railways," being section 3508 of Howell's annotated statutes.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on City Corporations.

Mr. Chandler, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 1183, entitled

A bill to amend section 1 of an act entitled "An act for the payment of the salaries of the State officers," approved April 17, 1871, being section 339 of Howell's annotated statutes, volume 3, as amended by acts No. 171 of the session laws of 1875, act No. 61 of the session laws of 1879, act No. 224 of the session laws of 1881, and act 118 of the session laws of 1883.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Gustin, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 1184, entitled

A bill to amend sections 18, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33 and 34 of act No. 206 of the public acts of 1893, entitled "An act to provide for the assessment of property and the levy and collection of taxes heretofore and hereafter levied, making such taxes a lien on the lands taxed, establishing and continuing said lien, providing for the sale and conveyance of lands delinquent for taxes, and for the inspection and the disposing of lands bid off to the State and not redeemed, and to repeal act No. 200 of the public acts of 1891, and all other acts and parts of acts in anywise contravening the provisions of this act, as amended by acts Nos. 25, 154, 162 and 229 of the public acts of 1895, and acts 206, 214, 224, 225, 229, 240 and 265 of the public acts of 1897.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Local Taxation.

Mr. Gustin, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 1185, entitled

A bill to amend sections 8, 9 and 11 of act No. 108 of the public acts of 1889, entitled "An act to provide for the incorporation of trust deposit and security companies and to repeal act No. 58 of the session laws of 1871," approved March 29, 1871, entitled "An act to provide for the incorporation of trust deposit and surety companies," also to repeal act No. 123 of the session laws of 1883, approved May 25, 1883, entitled "An act to amend section 9 of act No. 58 of the session laws of 1871," approved March 29, 1871, relative to the corporate rights of trust deposit surety companies, as amended by act No. 126 of the public acts of 1891.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Gustin,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Eikhoff, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 1186, entitled

A bill to provide for the appointment of a Board of Control for the several State institutions.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Eikhoff,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Davis, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 1187, entitled

A bill to repeal act No. 216 of the public acts of 1887, entitled 'An act to authorize the circuit court of Kalamazoo county to appoint a crier.'

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Anderson, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 1188, entitled

A bill to provide for the formation of a corporation for the purpose of transporting water from Lake Michigan, or other convenient source, for the use of the residents of the city of Grand Rapids and elsewhere, and to provide the means for so doing.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Anderson,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Gustin, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 1189, entitled

A bill to provide for the removal of the State Capitol to Detroit, and making an appropriation therefor.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Gustin,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. McCall, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 1190, entitled

A bill to amend act No. 128 of the public acts of Michigan of 1895, entitled "An act to amend chapter 78 of the revised statutes of 1846, relating to sale of lands of minors and other persons under guardianship, and investing the proceeds for their use, the same being chapter 230 of Howell's annotated statutes of Michigan, as amended, by adding one new section thereto to stand as section 26 of said chapter 78."

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

Mr. McCall, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 1191, entitled

A bill to amend act No. 127 of the public acts of Michigan of 1895, entitled "An act to amend chapter 77 of the revised statutes of 1846, relative to the sale of lands for the payment of debts by executors, administrators and guardians, the same being chapter 229 of Howell's annotated statutes of Michigan, as amended, by adding one new section thereto, to stand as section No. 56 of said chapter."

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

Mr. McCall, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 1192, entitled

A bill empowering probate courts to appoint without notice the guardians of those adjudged therein to be insane and ordered to be admitted to the insane asylums.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

Mr. McCall, previous notice having been given and leave being granted, introduced

House bill No. 1193, entitled

A bill to provide that when a person shall die, seized of a homestead, the husband or wife of such deceased person shall be entitled to the same, in fee, or for life.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

Mr. Chamberlain, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 1194, entitled

A bill to amend section 2 of article 1 of sections 6, 8, 9, 15, 17, 18, 26, 29, 31, 32, 33, 34, 37 and 38 of article 2 of the act entitled "An act to revise the laws providing for the incorporation of railroad companies, and to regulate the running and management, and to fix the duties and liabilities of all railroad or other corporations owning or operating any railroad in this State," being act No. 198 of the session laws of 1873, approved May 3, 1873.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Chamberlain,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Handy, unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 1195, entitled

A bill to amend section 1 of act No. 313 of the public acts of 1887, entitled "An act to provide for the taxation and regulation of the business of manufacturing, selling, keeping for sale, furnishing, giving or delivering spirituous and intoxicating liquors, and malt, brewed, or fermented liquors and vinous liquors in this State, and to repeal all acts or parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act," being section 2283c4 of Howell's annotated statutes, as amended by act No. 93 of the public acts of 1895.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Handy,

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. W. A. Reed (for Mr. Hall), unanimous consent being given, introduced

House bill No. 1196, entitled

A bill to protect citizens of Michigan against the payment of unauthorized subscription of newspapers, periodicals and magazines.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. W. A. Reed,

The bill was laid on the table.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Colby offered the following:

Resolved, That the Board of State Auditors be and hereby are requested to cause to be built and placed in the document room a suitable, sliding or other ladder or ladders for the use of the document keeper.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Herrig offered the following:

Whereas, The electric bells in the House are of very questionable utility, and are the occasion of more disturbance to business than aid in the transaction of business;

Resolved, That the Board of State Auditors be instructed to remove the electric bell appliances, when the carpet is taken up to make place for a new, clean carpet.

Which was not adopted.

Mr. Aldrich moved to take from the table,

House bill No. 563, entitled

A bill to provide for the assessment, levy and collection of an income tax.

Which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Aldrich,

The bill was referred to the committee on Revision and Amendment of the Statutes.

On motion of Mr. Aldrich,

One thousand copies of the bill were ordered printed for the use of the committee.

Mr. Stewart moved that there be a call of the House.

Which motion prevailed.

PROCEEDINGS UNDER THE CALL.

The roll of the House was called by the Clerk, and the following members reported absent without leave: Messrs. Babcock, Burfoot, Colvin, Duff, Fleischhauer, Foster, Goodrich, Goodyear, Gray, Heck, Heineman, Lusk, McCallum, Mason, Moore, Oberdorffer, Scully, and Waters.

On motion of Mr. Stewart,

Messrs. Heineman, Scully and Colvin were excused from the operation of the call.

On motion of Mr. Burdick,

Mr. Moore was excused from the operation of the call on account of sickness.

On motion of Mr. Wood,

The Sergeant-at-Arms was dispatched after the absentees.

The Sergeant-at-Arms announced Mr. Fleischhauer at the bar of the House.

On motion of Mr. Cheever,

Mr. Fleischhauer was admitted within the bar, rendered an excuse, and took his seat.

The Sergeant-at-Arms announced Mr. Gray at the bar of the House.

On motion of Mr. Fleischhauer,

Mr. Gray was admitted within the bar, rendered an excuse, and took his seat.

The Sergeant-at-Arms announced Mr. Lusk at the bar of the House.

On motion of Mr. Chamberlain,

Mr. Lusk was admitted within the bar, rendered an excuse, and took his seat.

The Sergeant-at-Arms announced Mr. McCallum at the bar of the House.

On motion of Mr. Lusk,

Mr. McCallum was admitted within the bar, rendered an excuse, and took his seat.

Mr. Wood moved that the House adjourn,

Which motion did not prevail.

Mr. Whitney moved that the House resolve itself into committee of the whole on the general order,

Which motion did not prevail.

On motion of Mr. Randall,

The House took a recess until 10:30 o'clock this evening.

AFTER RECESS.

10:30 p. m.

The House was called to order by the Speaker pro tem.

The Speaker pro tem announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, February 21, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed by the Senate to re-return to the House
House bill No. 117, entitled

A bill to provide for the relief of sick, disabled and needy ex-soldiers,
sailors and marines of the late Spanish-American war.

And now to inform the House that the Senate requests a conference
relative to the differences between the two houses on said bill, and that
Senators Charles Smith, Blakeslee and Milliken have been named as con-
fererees on the part of the Senate to meet conferees on the part of the
House relative to said differences between the two houses.

Very respectfully,

CHARLES S. PIERCE,
Secretary of the Senate.

Mr. Chamberlain moved that the request of the Senate for a committee
of conference be granted, and that a committee of five on the part of the
House be appointed, to act on such committee of conference.

Which motion prevailed.

The Speaker pro tem. announced as such committee on the part of the
House. Messrs. Chamberlain, Eikhoff, Herrig, McCall and Pack.

Mr. Stewart moved that the House adjourn.

Which motion prevailed, and

The Speaker pro tem. declared the House adjourned until 2 o'clock p.
m., on Thursday next.

{ REPRESENTATIVE HALL, LANSING,

} Thursday, February 23, 1899.

The House met pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Seasholes.

Roll called: not a quorum present.

Absent without leave: Messrs. Alward, Anderson, Brownell, Dingley, Duff, Eikhoff, Goodell, Hammond, Kelly, Locher, McLean, Mason, Miller, Nevins, Oberdorffer, Pearson, G. W. Reed, Robinson, Rulison.

Mr. Chamberlain moved that the House adjourn,

Which motion prevailed, and

The Speaker declared the House adjourned until 2 o'clock p. m., tomorrow.

{ REPRESENTATIVE HALL, LANSING,

} Friday, February 24, 1899.

The House met pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by the Speaker pro tem.

Roll called: not a quorum present.

Absent without leave: Messrs. Adams, Alward, Anderson, Babcock, Baumgärtner, Brownell, Burdick, Burfoot, Buskirk, Caldwell, Collins, Dingley, Doyle, Eikhoff, Gillette, Goodell, Goodyear, Gustin, Hall, Hammond, Keep, Kelly, Kerr, Locher, Lusk, McCallum, McLean, Mason, Miller, Oberdorffer, Pack, Pearson, Randall, J. H. Read, G. W. Reed, W. A. Reed, Robinson, Rulison, Shepherd, Stumpenhusen, Waterbury, Weter, Whitney, Wing and Wood.

Mr. Fleischhauer moved that the House adjourn.

Which motion prevailed, and

The Speaker declared the House adjourned until 2 o'clock p. m., tomorrow.

{ REPRESENTATIVE HALL, LANSING,

} Saturday, February 25, 1899.

The House met pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by the Speaker.

Roll called: not a quorum present.

Absent without leave: Messrs. Alward, Anderson, Babcock, Baumgärtner, Brownell, Burdick, Buskirk, Caldwell, Carton, Collins, Doyle, Duff, Fleischhauer, Foster, Gillette, Goodell, Goodrich, Goodyear, Gustin, Hall, Hammond, Herrig, Howell, Keep, Kelly, Kingott, Locher, Lusk, McCall, McCallum, McLean, Mason, Moore, Nevins, Oberdorffer, Pack, J. H. Read, G. W. Reed, W. A. Reed, Robinson, Shepherd, Shisler, Soper, Stumpenhusen, Sutherland, Taziman, Waterbury, Weier, Weter, Whitney, and Wing.

Mr. Chamberlain moved that the House adjourn.

Which motion prevailed, and

The Speaker declared the House adjourned until 2 o'clock p. m. on Monday next.

REPRESENTATIVE HALL, LANSING,

Monday, February 27, 1899.

The House met pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Swift.

Roll called: quorum present.

Absent without leave: Messrs. Bryan, Burdick, Colby, Crosby, Dickinson, Doyle, Foster, Gordon, Heck, Kingot, Lagers, McLeod, Moore, Nevins, Niedermeier, Oberdorffer, Pack, Robinson, Schmidt, Scully, Shepherd, Van Camp, Watters, Wayne, Whitney and Wing.

On motion of Mr. Wood,

Leave of absence was granted to Mr. Wayne for the day.

On motion of Mr. Weier,

Leave of absence was granted to Mr. Niedermeier indefinitely on account of sickness.

On motion of Mr. Soper,

Leave of absence was granted to himself for tomorrow.

BILLS PRESENTED TO THE GOVERNOR.

By the Clerk:

I have to report that I have this day enrolled, compared and presented to the Governor,

House bill No. 398, entitled

An act to provide for the submission to the qualified electors of the township of Deerfield, in the county of Isabella, in the State of Michigan, the question of the relief of Alvah D. Weston, treasurer of the township of Deerfield, in said county, from liability on account of the loss of township funds occasioned through the failure of the People's Savings bank of Mt. Pleasant.

In accordance with the rules and order of the House: the receipt for the same being dated 2:19 o'clock p. m., Feb. 27, 1899.

LEWIS M. MILLER,
Clerk of the House.

By the Clerk:

I have to report that I have this day enrolled, compared and presented to the Governor,

House bill No. 397, entitled

An act to provide for the submission to the qualified electors of the township of Broomfield, in the county of Isabella, State of Michigan, the question of the relief of Henry D. Wright, treasurer of the township of Broomfield, in said county, from liability on account of the loss of township funds occasioned through the failure of the People's Savings bank of Mt. Pleasant.

In accordance with the rules and order of the House: the receipt for the same being dated 2:19 o'clock p. m., Feb. 27, 1899.

LEWIS M. MILLER,
Clerk of the House.

By the Clerk:

I have to report that I have this day enrolled, compared and presented to the Governor,

House bill No. 42, entitled

An act to authorize the Board of Supervisors of Roscommon county, State of Michigan, to issue not to exceed ten thousand dollars of bonds for the purpose of paying matured orders and existing indebtedness.

In accordance with the rules and order of the House: the receipt for the same being dated 4:55 o'clock p. m., Feb. 21, 1899.

LEWIS M. MILLER,
Clerk of the House.

By the Clerk:

I have to report that I have this day enrolled, compared and presented to the Governor,

House bill No. 266, entitled

An act to set aside a part of fractional school district number one, school district number three and school district number six, in the townships of Warren and Sterling in the county of Macomb, and to make a new district thereof.

In accordance with the rules and order of the House: the receipt for the same being dated 3:08 o'clock p. m., Feb. 21, 1899.

LEWIS M. MILLER,
Clerk of the House.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS.

No. 95. By Mr. Dingley: Petition from the Republican City committee of Kalamazoo, to change the hours of holding primaries in cities containing less than 30,000 inhabitants.

Referred to the committee on Elections.

No. 96. By Mr. Murdoch: Petition of coal miners of Sebewaing, Huron county, asking for the passage of the "Colvin Bill" for the protection of coal miners.

Referred to the committee on Mines and Minerals.

No. 97. By Mr. Anderson: Petition of Roscoe E. Hogan and 220 others, asking for the passage of the Heineman bill, to protect sidewalks and sidepaths.

Referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

By the committee on Local Taxation:

The committee on Local Taxation, to whom was referred

House bill No. 1184, entitled

A bill to amend sections 18, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33 and 34 of act No. 206 of the public acts of 1893, entitled "An act to provide for the assessment of property and the levy and collection of taxes heretofore and hereafter levied, making such taxes a lien on the lands taxed, establishing and

continuing said lien, providing for the sale and conveyance of lands delinquent for taxes, and for the inspection and the disposing of lands bid off to the State and not redeemed, and to repeal act No. 200 of the public acts of 1891, and all other acts and parts of acts in anywise contravening the provisions of this act, as amended by acts Nos. 25, 154, 162 and 229 of the public acts of 1895, and acts 206, 214, 224, 225, 229, 240 and 265 of the public acts of 1897.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration and have directed me to request of the House that the bill be printed for the use of the committee.

ROBERT ALWARD,
Chairman.

Report accepted.

The question being on ordering the bill printed for the use of the committee,

The House so ordered.

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.

The Speaker announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, February 20, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House the following bill:

House bill No. 283, entitled

A bill to incorporate the public schools of the township of Matchwood, in the county of Ontonagon.

In the passage of which the Senate has concurred by a majority vote of all the Senators elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect has ordered the same to take immediate effect.

Very respectfully,

CHARLES S. PIERCE,
Secretary of the Senate.

The bill was referred for enrollment and presentation to the Governor, under the rules.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, February 21, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House the following bill:

House bill No. 414, entitled

A bill authorizing the supervisors of Wayne county to hold a special meeting in February or March, in the year 1899, to consider and determine the necessity of borrowing money on the faith and credit of said county of Wayne, for the purpose of fully completing the court house of said county and furnishing the same throughout, and to provide for submitting the question of raising by loan, upon the bonds of said county, such sums of money as they may deem necessary therefor, not to exceed

the sum of \$800,000, to the vote of the electors of said county, and providing notice of such special meeting of said supervisors and the mode of submitting the question of said loan to the vote of the electors of said county.

In the passage of which the Senate has concurred by a majority vote of all the Senators elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect has ordered the same to take immediate effect.

Very respectfully,

CHARLES S. PIERCE,

Secretary of the Senate.

The bill was referred for enrollment and presentation to the Governor, under the rules.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,

Lansing, February 21, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed by the Senate to re-return to the House

House bill No. 77, entitled

A bill for the organization of corporate Methodist Episcopal churches.

Which the Senate amended as follows: By striking out section 6 and inserting in lieu thereof the following, to stand as section 6.

"Section 6. The temporalities of said church shall be managed by a board of trustees, consisting of five members, to be elected by said corporation from its members, the said trustees to hold their office for the term of one year. Vacancies in said board may be filled at any time for the balance of the term, by an election, as in other cases."

And which Senate amendment the House amended by striking out of line 2 of said amended section 6, the word "five" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "not less than three nor more than nine."

And now to inform the House that the Senate has concurred in the said House amendment to the said amended section 6.

Very respectfully,

CHARLES S. PIERCE,

Secretary of the Senate.

The bill was referred for enrollment and presentation to the Governor, under the rules.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER.

Lansing, February 21, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed by the Senate to transmit to the House the following bill:

Senate bill No. 343, entitled

A bill to legalize the taxes assessed in the township of Ithaca, in the county of Gratiot, for the year 1898.

Which has passed the Senate by a majority vote of all the Senators elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect has been ordered to take immediate effect, and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

CHARLES S. PIERCE,

Secretary of the Senate.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Wood,

The bill was laid on the table.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR.

The Speaker announced the following:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Lansing, February 24, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I have this day approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State,

House bill No. 98, being

An act to provide for two voting precincts in the township of Sault Ste. Marie, in the county of Chippewa, and the conduct of elections thereat.

Respectfully,

H. S. PINGREE,
Governor.

The message was ordered spread on the Journal.

The Speaker also announced the following:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Lansing, February 24, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I have this day approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State,

House bill No. 51, being

An act to provide an additional voting precinct in the township of Holmes, county of Menominee, to be known as voting precinct number three.

Respectfully,

H. S. PINGREE,
Governor.

The message was ordered spread on the Journal.

The Speaker also announced the following:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Lansing, February 24, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I have this day approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State,

House bill No. 42, being

An act to authorize the Board of Supervisors of Roscommon county, State of Michigan, to issue not to exceed ten thousand dollars of bonds for the purpose of paying matured orders and existing indebtedness.

Respectfully,

H. S. PINGREE,
Governor.

The message was ordered spread on the Journal.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Dingley offered the following:

Resolved, That when the House adjourn on Tuesday, February 28, it stand adjourned until 2 o'clock p. m. on Thursday, March 2.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Wood offered the following:

Resolved, That the use of Representative Hall be tendered to the joint committees on State Affairs of the Senate and House, for Thursday evening, March 2.

Which was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Herrig,

The House took a recess until 7:30 o'clock this evening.

EVENING SESSION.

7:30 o'clock p. m.

The House met and was called to order by the Speaker.

Roll called: quorum present.

The House resumed the regular order.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS.

No. 98. By Mr. Shepherd: Petition of a majority of taxpayers of Bearinger township, Presque Isle county, for passage of House bill No. 109.

Referred to the committee on Towns and Counties.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

By the committee on Revision and Amendment of the Statutes:

The committee on Revision and Amendment of the Statutes, to whom was referred

House bill No. 889, entitled

A bill to provide for the assessment and levy of taxes upon the property of railroad companies, express companies, telegraph companies and telephone companies, and the collection thereof, and the designation and election of a State Board of Assessors to make such assessment and levy, and defining the duties of such board, and the compensation of its members; and to repeal all other acts or parts of acts, whether in acts for incorporation of union railroad station and depot grounds, or any other laws of this State, so far as such acts or parts of acts are inconsistent with this act, and no further; and to apply the taxes assessed and collected under this bill to pay "The interest upon the primary school, university and other educational funds, and the interest and principal of the State debt, in the order herein recited, until the extinguishment of the State debt, other than amounts due to educational funds, when such taxes to be collected under this act be added to and constitute a part of the primary school interest fund."

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

JOHN J. CARTON,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

The special joint committee, consisting of the committees on Private Corporations, Railroads and General Taxation, with Representative Oheever, Carton and Scully, to whom was referred the several bills before the House relative to tax measures, beg leave to report as follows:

Upon the organization of said joint committee, two sub-committees were appointed, as follows: One to take into consideration and report to the general committee a tax bill or measure covering the question of the taxation of railroad, telegraph, telephone and express companies; and the other to take into consideration and report to the general committee a tax measure or amendment covering other property. The sub-committee having railroad, telegraph, telephone and express companies' tax matters under consideration have reported to the joint committee a substitute measure and the joint committee have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House as a substitute for House bill No. 3, file No. 1, but without recommendation.

I attach hereto the report of said sub-committee as a part of this report of said joint committee in relation to said bill. Said joint committee have also directed me to report back to the House bill No. 256, entitled "A bill to amend act No. 228 of the public acts of 1897, being an act entitled 'An act to amend section 3 of article 3 of act No. 198 of the session laws of 1873,' as amended by act No. 174 of the public acts of 1891, as amended by act No. 129 of the public acts of 1893, entitled 'An act to revise the laws providing for the incorporation of railroad companies, etc.'"

All of which is respectfully submitted, without recommendation.

Said joint committee further ask that they be granted ten days further time to report a general tax measure.

LYMAN H. McCALL,
Chairman Joint Committee.

The following is the report of the sub-committee:

To the Chairman of the General Committee:

Sir—I have the honor to submit herewith the report of the sub-committee to which was referred the various measures bearing upon the subject of taxation upon railroad, express, telephone and telegraph companies, and to offer a measure as a substitute for all such bills, which under the circumstances, and having in mind the endorsement of the proposed change of the present system of taxation by the republican State convention at its session held in the city of Detroit on the twenty-first of September last, covers the question we believe much better than does any measure that has been submitted to us.

We do not believe any change can be made which will be an improvement of the present system of taxation; but we are confronted with the platform adopted by the State convention already referred to, sections 9 and 10 of which read as follows:

Section 9. "We commend the present State administration for its earnest efforts in favor of equal and just taxation of the property of railroad, telegraph, telephone and express companies. We favor the immediate repeal of the tax upon gross earnings of railroad companies, and favor a tax to be levied upon the true value of railroad, telegraph, tele-

phone and express companies' property, this value to be determined by a State board, and the tax collected therefrom shall be put into the primary school fund. We endorse the principles of the Atkinson bill and pledge the support of the republican party thereto."

Section 10. "We favor the readjustment of the assessment laws of this State so that all taxable property shall be placed upon the assessment rolls at the just value, and be taxed and collected, with all other taxable property of this State."

The republican party believes that every promise made to the people by it should be considered as a sacred contract, and that every pledge made in its platform to the people must be honorably discharged and redeemed.

Therefore, in this view of the case, and having in mind the parts of its late platform relating to the subject of taxation herein quoted, a change from the present system has been promised to the people, and the only question to be determined is what is the best method and measure which will accomplish the desired end in an equitable, just and impartial manner.

The measure herewith submitted follows a line somewhat parallel with the so-called "Atkinson" bill, "Cheever" bill, "Fleischhauer" bill and "Dudley" bill, but makes what has been deemed material and important changes from the general theory embraced in all those bills with reference to the manner of creating the board, the personnel of the board itself, and the method of arriving at the proper rates of taxation as well as in several minor details.

With reference to the determination of the rate of taxation it will be noted that among other things section 6 provides: "And said board shall also determine and enter upon its records the aggregate cash valuation of the property of the whole State, not exempt from taxation, as near as they are able to determine the same."

And we believe if corporations, to be taxed under this or any similar measure, are to be taxed at their full cash value, it is absolutely necessary that the board shall arrive at the true cash value of all other taxable property in the State in order that the taxation of all property shall be just and equitable. It seems unnecessary to argue, that if the board by this bill is only authorized and empowered to ascertain and assess the valuation of other property in the State without reference to their cash value, it would be absolutely impossible for them to make a fair assessment upon the actual cash value of the property of the corporations mentioned in this bill. And we believe it idle to presume that any board can assess equally the property of any class of corporations upon a cash basis without first ascertaining as near as possible, the actual cash value of all the other taxable property in this State.

The constitutionality of any measure which delegates to any authority the right or duty to fix the actual rate of taxation, except by the Legislature itself, has been questioned in this State since began the discussion of measures upon the subject of taxation similar to those of the so-called Atkinson bill.

The bill which we herewith present in section 6 contains the following: "Said board shall determine the average rate of taxes paid for the State, county, township, village, city and school purposes throughout the State, for the current year, by dividing the aggregate taxes for

the current year, as ascertained and determined under the provisions of this section, by the aggregate cash valuation of the property, throughout the State, assessed for State, county, township, village, city and school purposes for the current year added to the cash value of all railroads, railroad companies, union depot companies, railroad and depot companies, express companies, telephone companies and telegraph companies, as determined and ascertained under and by virtue of the provisions of this section."

It appears to your committee that if this section shall be adopted and enacted in its entirety, that the question of delegating the authority by the Legislature to fix the rate cannot be successfully raised, inasmuch as under the provisions already quoted the Legislature practically fixes the rate of taxation, leaving the same to be only a question of mathematical computation upon the part of the board.

Section 20 of the bill provides that in case of the neglect or refusal of any of the corporations to which this bill applies to pay the tax due from them on or before February 1, a penalty shall be added which shall be at the same rate as provided for penalties in like cases under the general law of this State. Other bills submitted to us contain the provision that 50 per cent shall be added to such tax as a penalty in case of non-payment; but we believe the point to be well taken, which has been raised against those measures, to the effect that a penalty of that character shall be the same respecting all classes of property. And in the opinion of your committee the retention of the 50 per cent clause would effectually render this or any other similar measure which may be enacted null and void.

Your committee have also omitted any reference in this bill to a tax upon franchises of the corporations mentioned therein, believing that as no other class of property is assessed upon its franchise, a measure which would place a tax upon the franchises of the corporation mentioned in this bill would be absolutely unfair, unequal, unjust and inequitable. So that unless other measures proposed upon other branches of taxation now before the joint committee of the Legislature shall place a tax upon franchises of all other lines of corporations and all classes of business, we believe it should not be attempted in a measure of this character.

In the drafting and presentation of this measure your committee has endeavored to evade constitutional questions which have been raised with reference to all similar measures upon the line of taxation proposed by this bill.

We believe if this line of taxation is to be insisted upon and enacted into law by this Legislature, this measure avoids any intricate and perplexing questions with which we have been confronted by the various clauses in other similar bills.

While, as we have stated, we do not believe the present system of taxation can be improved upon by the adoption of a radically different system which substitutes an ad valorem for a specific tax, such measure necessarily creating an additional board and officeholders at large salaries and great expense to the people of the State, as long as the Republican party in State convention has pledged such a measure to the people, we recommend that this substitute be presented to the House with the recommendation that it supplant all other measures presented upon

the subjects contained therein, except the Dudley bill, but without other recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

F. C. CHAMBERLAIN,

Chairman Sub-Committee.

Mr. Scully has stated that he would vote to report this bill to the General Committee for the purpose of consideration, but in fairness to him in his absence, I desire to state that by so doing he ought not to be deemed to have endorsed the political features of this report nor of endorsing the substitute for any other than the purpose stated.

F. C. CHAMBERLAIN,

Chairman Sub-Committee.

Report accepted.

The question, being on the disposition of the bills reported back by the committee,

Mr. Cheever moved that the report do lie on the table.

On which motion,

Mr. Cheever demanded the yeas and nays.

The demand was seconded, and the motion prevailed, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Aldrich
Alward
Babcock
Baumgärtner
Bryan
Burch
Carton
Cheever
Colvin
Dingley
Eikhoff
Fleischhauer
Gillam
Gillette
Goodell

Mr. Goodrich
Goodyear
Gray
Hall
Hammond
Hatzenbuehler
Heck
Heineman
Herrig
Howell
Locher
McLean
Miller
Murdoch

Mr. Murphy
Pack
Pearson
Reed, W. A.
Soper
Stewart
Stumpfenhusen
Sutherland
Taziman
Waterbury
Weier
Wheeler
Wood
Woodruff

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NAYS.

Mr. Anderson
Brownell
Buskirk
Chamberlain
Davis
Dudley
Gustin
Hofmeister
Keep

Mr. Kerr
McCall
McCallum
McKay
Mason
Moore
Nash
Randall
Read, J. H.

Mr. Reed, G. W.
Robinson
Rulison
Shepherd
Shisler
Van Camp
Veter
Speaker

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The bills reported by the committee were also carried to the table.

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.

The Speaker announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER.
Lansing, February 21, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed by the Senate to transmit to the House the following bill:

Senate joint resolution No. 100, entitled

A joint resolution to amend section 6 of article 6 of the constitution of the State of Michigan, relative to circuit courts.

Which has passed the Senate by a two-thirds vote of all the Senators elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect has been ordered to take immediate effect, and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,
CHARLES S. PIERCE,
Secretary of the Senate.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Stewart offered the following:

Resolved, That when the House adjourns today it stand adjourned until tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Which was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Fleischhauer,

Leave of absence was granted to himself for tomorrow.

GENERAL ORDER.

On motion of Mr. Stewart,

The House went into committee of the whole, on the general order.

Whereupon the speaker called Mr. Stewart to the chair.

After some time spent therein, the committee rose, and through their chairman, made the following report:

The committee of the whole have had some bills under consideration, but have no recommendations to report.

ALBERT E. STEWART,
Chairman.

Report accepted.

Mr. Chamberlain moved that the House adjourn;

Which motion prevailed, and

The Speaker declared the House adjourned until 10 a. m., tomorrow.

{ REPRESENTATIVE HALL, LANSING,
Tuesday, February 28, 1899.

The House met pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by the Speaker.

- Roll called: quorum present.
- Absent without leave: Messrs. Doyle, Nevins and Wing.
- On motion of Mr. Handy,
Leave of absence was granted to all absentees for the day.
- On motion of Mr. Wayne,
Leave of absence was granted to himself until Monday next.
- On motion of Mr. Hammond,
Leave of absence was granted to committee on Soldiers' Home until Monday next.
- On motion of Mr. Rulison,
Leave of absence was granted to committee on School for the Deaf until Monday next.
- On motion of Mr. Bryan,
Leave of absence was granted to committee on State Public School until Monday next.
- On motion of Mr. Goodell,
Leave of absence was granted to committee on State House of Correction and Reformatory until Monday next.
- On motion of Mr. Davis,
Leave of absence was granted to himself until Monday next.

BILLS PRESENTED TO THE GOVERNOR.

By the Clerk:

I have to report that I have this day enrolled, compared and presented to the Governor,

House bill No. 399, entitled

An act to provide for the submission to the qualified electors of the township of Nottawa, in the county of Isabella, in the State of Michigan, the question of the relief of Charles A. Hibbreln, treasurer of the township of Nottawa, in said county, from liability on account of the loss of township funds through the failure of the People's Savings Bank of Mt. Pleasant.

In accordance with the rules and order of the House: the receipt for the same being dated 9.48 o'clock a. m., February 28, 1899.

LEWIS M. MILLER,
Clerk of the House.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS.

No. 99. By Mr. W. A. Reed: Petition of O. Hamblin and 111 others, residents of Concord and Pulaski townships, in the county of Jackson, against the passage of an act to prevent the spearing of fish through the ice in the waters of Swain's lake, in the township of Pulaski, Jackson county.

Referred to the committee on Fisheries and Game.

No. 100. By Mr. Chamberlain: Petition of Prof. M. H. Carleton and 14 other teachers of the Bessemer public schools, asking for the passage of the Upper Peninsula Normal School bill.

Referred to the committee on Education.

No. 101. By Mr. Davis: Petition of James E. White and ten others, asking that the beet sugar bounty be retained.

Referred to the committee on State Affairs.

No. 102. By Mr. Davis: Petition of Wm. Strang and 40 others, citizens of Kalamazoo county, asking that the beet sugar bounty be retained.

Referred to the committee on State Affairs.

No. 103. By Mr. Scully: Petition of Ionia and Clinton county citizens, asking for legislation to prevent the spearing of fish in Grand river.

Referred to the committee on Fisheries and Game.

No. 104. By Mr. G. W. Reed: Petition of W. B. Reed and 38 others, asking for the passage of an act to prohibit the killing of deer for a term of five years in a certain part of this State.

Referred to the committee on Fisheries and Game.

No. 105. By Mr. Shisler: Resolutions of Kent County Farmers' Institute in favor of farmers' institute appropriation.

Referred to the committee on Agriculture.

No. 106. By Mr. Watters: Petition of Prof. E. O. Gillespie and five others, teachers of the schools at Michigamme, asking for the passage of the Upper Peninsula Normal School bill.

Referred to the committee on Education.

No. 107. By Mr. Watters: Petition of Prof. R. D. Eweing and seven others, teachers of schools at Champion, Marquette county, asking for the passage of the Upper Peninsula Normal School bill.

Referred to the committee on Education.

No. 108. By Mr. Phillips: Petition of The Woman's Club and 40 others, citizens of Hartford, Michigan, for the appointment of women on charitable and penal boards of control of State institutions.

Referred to the committee on State Affairs.

No. 109. By Mr. Stumpenhusen: Petition of Gifford Patch and 40 others, in regard to the amendment of the game laws.

Referred to the committee on Fisheries and Game.

No. 110. By Mr. Lusk: Resolutions of the Bay County Sugar Growers' Association.

On demand of Mr. Lusk.

The resolutions were read at length and spread at large on the Journal, as follows:

Bay City, Mich., February 27, 1899.

To the Senate and the House of Representatives of Michigan:

Whereas, We have learned that steps have been taken intended to change the law of 1897, authorizing a bounty to beet sugar making in Michigan; and

Whereas, We are raising the beets for this use; therefore

Resolved by the Bay County Sugar Growers' Association in regular meeting assembled, Saturday, February 25, 1899, That we earnestly petition the Legislature against any change in bounty law that will tend to reduce the demand for sugar beets, products of our farms, which demand enlarges the opportunities of farmers who raise other crops. Also for the further reason that a repeal of said bounty or a reduction of the same would be a breach of the faith pledged by the State to the people engaged in the industry, and that it would greatly injure farmers who have purchased machinery, prepared land and incurred expenses in reliance on said bounty, and would greatly retard the consequent growth and development of the beet sugar industry. We believe a change in the bounty law would be a severe blow to our agricultural interests

and to an industry that promises to be a source of wealth to the entire State.

Resolved further, That we urge our Representatives and Senator from Bay county to oppose any and all efforts made in the present Legislature to change or repeal the sugar bounty law of 1897, and to use their efforts to defeat any change or repeal of said law.

JOHN H. SHARPE,
President.

JOHN EGAN,
Secretary.

Referred to the committee on State Affairs.

No. 111. By Mr. Davis: Petition of the board of supervisors of Kalamazoo county for the retention of the beet sugar bounty.

On demand of Mr. Davis,

The petition was read at length and spread at large on the Journal, as follows:

Gentlemen—We, the undersigned, tax-payers and citizens of Kalamazoo county, Michigan, and vicinity, realizing the fact that the present bounty laws on beet sugar are powerful incentives to an industry that will not only vary and add to the margin of profit of the farmers' products, but retain in and bring millions of dollars into the State, now sent to foreign countries for sugar, earnestly petition your honorable body not to weaken said bounty laws, but strengthen them and make them more definite, and therefore encourage the industry.

Referred to the committee on State Affairs.

No. 112. By Mr. Kelly (by request): Resolutions of the Jackson County Republican convention.

On demand of Mr. Kelly,

The resolutions were read at length and spread at large on the Journal, as follows:

Resolved, That the Republicans of Jackson county, in convention assembled, express our entire confidence in the present Republican national administration, and especially in that conscientious, Christian gentleman, President William McKinley. Under his guidance has been added another illustrious page to the history of our country; and our party has taken another step forward in its God-given mission of spreading the principles of liberty among mankind. With the continuance of Republican control of our national affairs, we look to the future with no foreboding, but with calm faith that all the momentous questions to be met and solved will be solved to the entire satisfaction of the righteous judgment of all our people.

Resolved, That the Republicans of this county are and always have been in favor of equal taxation, and that the burdens of the government should fall alike upon all classes of property. We expressed at the ballot box our confidence in the integrity and ability of the men selected to represent us in the State Legislature from this county. We have seen no occasion to change our good opinion of these men so expressed, and we are therefore willing to leave the interests of this county and our interests in general legislation entirely in their hands, believing that they are in a position to best judge as to what is right and just as such questions may arise.

Resolved, That inasmuch as the Michigan State Prison is located in this county, we deem it no more than fair and just that we be represented by one member at least upon the Board of Prison Control, as has been the precedent for the past forty years, and we request our representatives to use their influence with the Governor and members of the Senate to that end.

E. L. GRIFFIN,
Chairman of Committee.
J. C. TAYLOR,
Secretary of Committee.

Referred to the committee on Judiciary.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The committee on Conference of the Senate and the House of Representatives, to whom was referred the matters of difference existing between the two houses as to

House bill No. 117, entitled

A bill to provide for the relief of sick, disabled and needy ex-soldiers, sailors and marines of the late Spanish-American war,

Which the Senate amended as follows:

By adding at the end of section 5 the following proviso:

"Provided, That every county having an unused balance of this appropriation to its credit shall have the same placed to the credit of the general tax account of each county with the State."

And by adding to section 6 the following proviso:

"Provided, That no money raised under or by virtue of this act shall be used for the payment of any bills for medical service, medicine or care and attendance rendered prior to the passage of this act."

Have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to submit the following recommendations:

First, That the House recede from its action in refusing to concur in the said amendment to section 5, and that said proviso stand as a part of said section;

Second, That the Senate recede from its action in amending section 6, and that said section stand as originally passed by the House.

Your committee further recommend that the following amendments be made to that part of section 5 heretofore agreed to by both houses:

First, By striking out of line 12 of section 5 the word "July," and inserting in lieu thereof the word "August;"

Second, By striking out of line 13 of section 5 the word "August," and inserting in lieu thereof the word "September."

And your committee ask to be discharged from further consideration of the subject.

F. C. CHAMBERLAIN,

Chairman Committee of Conference on the part of the House.

Report accepted.

The bill not having been received from the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Chamberlain,

The report was laid on the table.

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.

The Speaker announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER.

Lansing, February 23, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House the following concurrent resolution:

Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Michigan (the Senate concurring), That the Senators and Representatives of the State of Michigan in the National Congress be requested to favor and assist in securing a fair and liberal service pension to every Union soldier, veteran of the civil war, not already a pensioner, regardless of any disability accruing from said service or since, whenever said soldier shall have arrived at the age of sixty-two years.

In the adoption of which the Senate has concurred.

Very respectfully,

CHARLES S. PIERCE,

Secretary of the Senate.

The resolution was referred for enrollment and presentation to the Governor, under the rules.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER.

Lansing, February 27, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed by the Senate respectfully to request the return to the Senate of

House bill No. 266, entitled

A bill to set aside a part of fractional school district No. 1, school district No. 3 and school district No. 6, in the townships of Warren and Sterling in the county of Macomb, and to make a new district thereof.

Very respectfully,

CHARLES S. PIERCE,

Secretary of the Senate.

The question being on complying with the request of the Senate for the return of the bill,

Mr. Wells moved that a respectful message be sent to the Governor, asking the return to the House of the bill, and that it be returned to the Senate in accordance with the request therefor.

Which motion prevailed.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER.

Lansing, February 28, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed by the Senate to transmit to the House the following bill:

Senate bill No. 221, entitled

A bill to amend sections 2 and 9 of act 186 of the public acts of 1897, entitled "An act defining the limits of the judicial circuits of the State of Michigan," and to add a new section thereto.

Which has passed the Senate by a majority vote of all the Senators

elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect has been ordered to take immediate effect, and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,
CHARLES S. PIERCE,
Secretary of the Senate.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, February 28, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed by the Senate to re-return to the House,
House bill No. 117, entitled

A bill to provide for the relief of sick, disabled and needy ex-soldiers, sailors and marines of the late Spanish-American war.

Which the Senate amended as follows:

By adding at the end of section 5 the following proviso:

“Provided, That every county having an unused balance of this appropriation to its credit shall have the same placed to the credit of the general tax account of such county with the State.”

And by adding to section 6 the following proviso:

“Provided, That no money raised under or by virtue of this act shall be used for the payment of any bills for medical service, medicine or care and attendance rendered prior to the passage of this act.”

And in which Senate amendments the House refused to concur and on which matters of difference between the two houses committees of conference were appointed.

And now to inform the House that the committee of Conference on the part of the Senate have reported to the Senate the following recommendations of the committees of conference of the two houses.

First, That the House recede from its action in refusing to concur in the said amendment to section 5, and that said proviso stand as a part of said section;

Second, That the Senate recede from its action in amending section 6, and that said section stand as originally passed by the House;

Third, By striking out of line 12 of section 5 the word “July,” and inserting in lieu thereof the word “August;”

Fourth, By striking out of line 13, section 5. the word “August,” and inserting in lieu thereof the word “September.”

Which recommendations of the committee of Conference have been adopted by the Senate by a majority vote of all Senators elect and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,
CHARLES S. PIERCE,
Secretary of the Senate.

The question being on concurring in the report of the committee of Conference in regard to the difference existing between the two houses as to the bill, as reported from the Senate,

The House concurred, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Aldrich	Mr. Gustin	Mr. Pack
Alward	Hammond	Pearson
Babcock	Handy	Phillips
Baumgärtner	Hatzenbuehler	Randall
Brownell	Heck	Read, J. H.
Bryan	Heineman	Reed, G. W.
Burch	Herrig	Reed, W. A.
Burdick	Hofmeister	Robinson
Burfoot	Keep	Rulison
Caldwell	Kelly	Schmidt
Carton	Kerr	Scully
Chamberlain	Kingott	Shepherd
Chandler	Lafamboy	Shisler
Cheever	Locher	Soper
Colby	Lusk	Stumpenhusen
Colvin	McCall	Sutherland
Davis	McCallum	Taziman
Dickinson	McKay	Van Camp
Dingley	McLean	Waterbury
Doyle	McLeod	Watters
Duff	Mason	Weier
Foster	Miller	Wells
Gillam	Moore	Weter
Gillette	Murdoch	Wheeler
Goodrich	Murphy	Whitney
Goodyear	Nash	Wood
Gordon	Oberdorffer	Speaker
Gray		

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The bill was referred for enrollment and presentation to the Governor, under the rules.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Wood moved to take from the table

Senate bill No. 343, entitled

A bill to legalize the taxes assessed in the township of Ithaca, in the county of Gratiot, for the year 1898.

Which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Wood,

The rules were suspended, two-thirds of all the members present voting therefor, and the bill was put upon its immediate passage.

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Aldrich	Mr. Gordon	Mr. Oberdorffer
Alward	Gray	Pack
Anderson	Gustin	Pearson
Babcock	Hall	Randall
Baumgärtner	Hammond	Read, J. H.
Brownell	Handy	Reed, G. W.
Bryan	Hatzenbuhler	Reed, W. A.
Burch	Heck	Robinson
Burfoot	Heineman	Rulison
Buskirk	Herrig	Schmidt
Caldwell	Hofmeister	Scully
Carton	Howell	Shepherd
Chamberlain	Keep	Shisler
Chandler	Kelly	Soper
Cheever	Kingott	Stewart
Colby	Laflamboy	Stumpenhusen
Collins	Locher	Sutherland
Colvin	Lugers	Taziman
Crosby	Lusk	Van Camp
Davis	McCall	Waterbury
Dickinson	McCallum	Watters
Dingley	McKay	Wayne
Dudley	McLean	Weier
Duff	McLeod	Wells
Eikhoff	Mason	Weter
Foster	Miller	Wheeler
Gillam	Moore	Whitney
Gillette	Murdoch	Wood
Goodell	Murphy	Woodruff
Goodrich	Nash	Speaker
Goodyear		

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Wood,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

Mr. Gillam moved to take from the table

House bill No. 3 (file No. 1), entitled

A bill to provide for the assessment and levy of taxes upon the property of railroad companies, express companies, telegraph companies, and telephone companies and the collection thereof, and the designation and election of a State Board of Assessors to make such assessment and levy, and defining the duties of such board, and the compensation of its members, and to repeal all other acts or parts of acts whether in the acts for incorporation of union railroad station and depot grounds, or any other law of this State, so far as such acts or parts of acts are inconsistent with this act, and no further, and to apply the taxes assessed and col-

lected under this bill to pay "the interest upon the primary school, university and other educational funds and the interest and principal of the State debt, in the order herein recited until the extinguishment of the State debt, other than amounts due to educational funds, when such taxes to be collected under this act be added to, and constitute a part of, the primary school interest fund."

Mr. Chamberlain moved to amend the motion so as to take from the table the proposed substitute for the bill which was yesterday reported by the select committee on questions of taxation.

On which motion,

Mr. Gillam demanded the yeas and nays.

The demand was seconded, and

Pending discussion,

Mr. McKay demanded the previous question.

The demand was seconded.

Mr. Heineman demanded the yeas and nays on the main question.

The demand was seconded.

The question being shall the main question be now put,

The same was ordered.

The question first being on the motion to amend the motion so as to take the proposed substitute from the table,

The motion did not prevail, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Anderson

Brownell

Burdick

Caldwell

Chamberlain

Collins

Davis

Dudley

Gordon

Hofmeister

Keep

Mr. Kelly

Kerr

Kingott

Lafamboy

Lugers

McCall

McCallum

McKay

Moore

Phillips

Mr. Randall

Read, J. H.

Reed, G. W.

Robinson

Rulison

Shepherd

Van Camp

Watters

Whitney

Speaker

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NAYS.

Mr. Aldrich

Alward

Babcock

Baumgärtner

Bryan

Burch

Burfoot

Buskirk

Carton

Chandler

Cheever

Colby

Colvin

Mr. Gillette

Goodell

Goodrich

Goodyear

Gray

Gustin

Hall

Hammond

Handy

Hatzenbuhler

Heck

Heineman

Herrig

Mr. Murphy

Nash

Oberdorffer

Pack

Pearson

Reed, W. A.

Schmidt

Scully

Shisler

Soper

Stewart

Stumpenhusen

Sutherland

Mr. Crosby	Mr. Howell	Mr. Taziman
Dickinson	Locher	Waterbury
Dingley	Lusk	Wayne
Doyle	McLean	Weier
Duff	McLeod	Wells
Eikhoff	Mason	Weter
Foster	Miller	Wheeler
Gillam	Murdoch	Wood

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The question being on the motion to take House bill No. 3 from the table.

The motion prevailed, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Aldrich	Mr. Gillette	Mr. Murphy
Alward	Goodell	Nash
Anderson	Goodrich	Oberdorffer
Babcock	Goodyear	Pearson
Baumgaertner	Gray	Reed, W. A.
Brownell	Gustin	Robinson
Bryan	Hall	Schmidt
Burch	Hammond	Scully
Burfoot	Hatzenbuehler	Shepherd
Buskirk	Heck	Shisler
Carton	Heineman	Soper
Chandler	Herrig	Stewart
Cheever	Howell	Stumpfenhusen
Colby	Kingott	Sutherland
Colvin	Locher	Taziman
Crosby	Lugers	Waterbury
Davis	Lusk	Wayce
Dickinson	McCall	Weier
Dingley	McLean	Wells
Doyle	McLeod	Weter
Duff	Mason	Wheeler
Eikhoff	Miller	Wood
Foster	Murdoch	Woodruff
Gillam		

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NAYS.

Mr. Burdick	Mr. Keep	Mr. Pack
Caldwell	Kelly	Phillips
Chamberlain	Kerr	Randall
Collins	Lafamboy	Reed, G. W.
Dudley	McCallum	Rulison
Gordon	McKay	Watters
Handy	Moore	Speaker
Hofmeister		

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On motion of Mr. Chamberlain,
 The rules were suspended, two-thirds of all the members present voting therefor, and the bill was put upon its immediate passage.
 Pending the third reading of the bill,
 Mr. Crosby moved that there be a call of the House.
 Which motion prevailed.

PROCEEDINGS UNDER THE CALL.

The roll of the House was called by the Clerk, and no members were reported absent without leave.

The Speaker directed that the bar of the House be closed, and the business of the House be proceeded with.

The bill having been read a third time and the question being upon its passage, pending the taking of the vote thereon,

Mr. Cheever moved to amend the bill by inserting in line 3. of section 11, after the word "through" the words "or in."

Which motion prevailed.

The question being on the passage of the bill,

Mr. Chamberlain demanded the previous question.

The demand was seconded.

The question being shall the main question be put,

The same was ordered.

The bill was then passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Aldrich	Mr. Goodyear	Mr. Nash
Alward	Gray	Oberdorffer
Babcock	Gustin	Pack
Baumgaertner	Hall	Pearson
Bryan	Hammond	Randall
Burch	Hatzenbuehler	Reed, W. A.
Burfoot	Heck	Robinson
Buskirk	Heineman	Schmidt
Carton	Herrig	Scully
Chandler	Hofmeister	Shepherd
Cheever	Howell	Shisler
Colby	Keep	Soper
Colvin	Kingott	Stewart
Crosby	Lafamboy	Stumpfenhusen
Davis	Locher	Sutherland
Dickinson	Lugers	Taziman
Dingley	Lusk	Van Camp
Doyle	McCall	Waterbury
Eikhoff	McLean	Wayne
Foster	McLeod	Weier
Gillam	Mason	Weter
Gillette	Miller	Wheeler
Goodell	Murdoch	Wood
Goodrich	Murphy	Woodruff

NAYS.

Mr. Anderson
Brownell
Burdick
Caldwell
Chamberlain
Collins
Dudley
Duff

Mr. Gordon
Handy
Kelly
Kerr
McCallum
McKay
Moore
Phillips

Mr. Read, J. H.
Reed, G. W.
Rulison
Watters
Wells
Whitney
Speaker

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Chamberlain,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

By unanimous consent,

The Speaker announced the following:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
February 28, 1899.

Mr. Lewis M. Miller,

Clerk of the House of Representatives:

Dear Sir—Your letter of February 28, requesting the return of House bill No. 266, being

Act to set aside a part of fractional school district No. 3 and of school district No. 6, in the townships of Warren and Sterling, in the county of Macomb, and make a new district thereof,

Is received.

If you amend the bill, I would recommend that you include in it a provision requiring the submission of the redistricting to a vote of the people of the township. They are the ones directly interested, and their wishes should be law.

I transmit the act herewith in accordance with the request of the House.

Yours respectfully,

H. S. PINGREE,
Governor.

The message was ordered spread on the Journal.

The bill was ordered returned to the Senate, in accordance with the request therefor heretofore granted.

On motion of Mr. Scully,

All further proceedings under the call were dispensed with.

Mr. McKay moved that the House take a recess until 2 o'clock this afternoon.

Which motion did not prevail.

Mr. McCallum moved to take from the table,

House bill No. 705 (file No. 48), entitled

A bill to amend sections 10, 11, 18, 19, 21, 22, 23, 24, 29 and 30 of act No. 206 of the public acts of 1893, as amended, entitled "An act to provide for the assessment of property and the levy and collection of taxes thereon, and for the collection of taxes heretofore and hereafter levied, making such taxes a lien on the lands taxed, establishing and

continuing such lien, providing for the sale and conveyance of lands delinquent for taxes, and for the inspection and disposition of lands bid off to the State and not redeemed or purchased, and to repeal act No. 200 of the public acts of 1891, and all other acts and parts of acts in anywise contravening any of the provisions of this act," and to add thereto 17 new sections to be known as sections 17a, 17b, 17c, 17d, 17e, 17f, 17g, 18a, 18b, 22a, 23a, 23b, 23c, 23d, 23e, 118a, and 144 and to repeal all acts or parts of acts in anywise contravening the provisions of this act.

Which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. McCallum,

The bill was referred to the committee on General Taxation.

Mr. McCallum moved to take from the table,

House bill No. 545 (file No. 49), entitled

A bill to amend the title to and sections 10, 11, 18, 19, 21, 22, 23, 24, 29 and 30 of act No. 206 of the public acts of 1893, as amended, entitled "An act to provide for the assessment of property and the levy and collection of taxes thereon, and for the collection of taxes heretofore and hereafter levied, making such taxes a lien on the lands taxed, establishing and continuing such lien, providing for the sale and conveyance of lands delinquent for taxes, and for the inspection and disposition of lands bid off to the State and not redeemed or purchased, and to repeal act No. 200 of the public acts of 1891, and all other acts and parts of acts in anywise contravening any of the provisions of this act," and to add thereto 38 new sections, to be known as sections 17a, 17b, 17c, 17d, 17e, 17f, 17g, 17h, 17i, 17j, 17k, 17l, 17m, 17n, 17o, 17p, 17q, 17r, 17s, 17t, 17u, 17v, 17w, 17x, 17y, 17z, 17a1, 17a2, 18a, 18b, 22a, 23a, 23b, 23c, 23d, 23e, 118a, and 144, and to repeal all acts or parts of acts in anywise contravening the provisions of this act.

Which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. McCallum

The bill was referred to the committee on Railroads.

Mr. Phillips moved that the House adjourn,

Which motion prevailed, and

The Speaker declared the House adjourned until 2 o'clock p. m., on Thursday next.

} REPRESENTATIVE HALL, LANSING,

} Thursday, March 2, 1899.

The House met pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Perry.

Roll called: quorum present.

Absent without leave: Messrs. Dingley, Gordon, Hall, Kelly, Kerr, Lusk, Miller, Pack, Scully, Shisler, Waterbury, Watters, Whitney.

On motion of Mr. Oberdorffer,

Leave of absence was granted to committee on Education for the day.

On motion of Mr. Burdick,

Leave of absence was granted to all absentees for the day.

On motion of Mr. Anderson,

Leave of absence was granted to himself for tomorrow.

On motion of Mr. Burch,

Leave of absence was granted to himself for tomorrow.

On motion of Mr. McLeod,

Leave of absence was granted to himself for tomorrow.

On motion of Mr. Babcock,

Leave of absence was granted to himself for tomorrow.

On motion of Mr. Soper,

Leave of absence was granted to himself for tomorrow.

On motion of Mr. Gustin,

Leave of absence was granted to himself until Tuesday next.

By unanimous consent,

Mr. Wood offered the following:

Whereas, A delegation of business men from various cities in Ohio are present for the purpose of presenting the project of the Ohio centennial, to be held in Toledo in 1902;

Resolved, That the members of the delegation be given the freedom of the House.

Which was adopted.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS.

No. 113. By Mr. Robinson: Resolutions of Cass County Republican convention relative to judicial circuits.

On demand of Mr. Robinson.

The resolutions were read at length and spread at large on the Journal, as follows:

Resolution adopted at the Republican county convention for Cass county, February 24, 1899:

Whereas, A bill is now pending in the Legislature providing for a new judicial circuit, by making Berrien and Kalamazoo counties circuits by themselves and attaching Cass to Van Buren county; and

Whereas, This bill is against the interests of Cass county, on account of the relative location of Cass and Van Buren; the lack of railroad facilities between the two counties; and the fact that the proposed change will increase our State taxes about \$5,000 per annum, without any advantages whatever; therefore be it

Resolved, That it is the sense of this convention that the bill should not become a law; and our Representative in the Legislature is hereby requested to use all honorable means to defeat it.

Resolved, That the secretary of this convention be instructed to forward to Senator Blakeslee and Representative Robinson a copy of this resolution.

A. E. BAILEY,

Secretary County Convention.

Referred to the committee on Judiciary.

No. 114. By Mr. Fleischhauer: Petition of Lewis Wenzle and 43 other citizens of Osceola county, asking for a law prohibiting the killing of deer in this State for a term of five years.

Referred to the committee on Fisheries and Game.

No. 115. By Mr. Gray: Petition of A. G. Freeman and 100 others,

asking for a law to prohibit the killing of deer for a period of five years in a certain part of this State.

Referred to the committee on Fisheries and Game.

No. 116. By Mr. Gillette: Remonstrance of S. Lacey and eleven others against the passage of House bill No. 1078.

Referred to the committee on Education.

No. 117. By Mr. Stewart: Petition of W. J. Shields and others asking that the game laws be amended.

Referred to the committee on Fisheries and Game.

No. 118. By Mr. Caldwell: Petition of James Bell and 30 others asking for a law to prohibit the killing of deer for a term of five years in a certain part of this State.

Referred to the committee on Fisheries and Game.

No. 119. By Mr. Gray: Petition of E. Pullman and 175 others, against changing the fish and game laws.

Referred to the committee on Fisheries and Game.

No. 120. By Mr. Gillette: Remonstrance of J. A. Lambert and 40 others against the passage of House bill No. 1078.

Referred to the committee on Education.

No. 121. By Mr. Phillips: Petition of O. W. Rowland and 32 other citizens of Paw Paw, asking for the passage of the bill to detach the county of Van Buren from the ninth judicial circuit and the county of Cass from the second judicial circuit and to unite the said counties into a new judicial circuit.

Referred to the committee on Judiciary.

No. 122. By Mr. Phillips: Petition of A. H. Tuttle and 83 other citizens of Hartford, against the passage of the bill changing the boundaries of the second and ninth judicial circuits and forming a new circuit therefrom.

Referred to the committee on Judiciary.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

By the committee on Judiciary:

The committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred
House bill No. 725, entitled

A bill to provide for the prevention and punishment of bicycle stealing.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

F. SHEPHERD,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on Judiciary:

The committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred
House bill No. 404, entitled

A bill to amend section 6738 and section 6739 of Howell's annotated statutes of the State of Michigan relative to appeals in chancery to the supreme court.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

F. SHEPHERD,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on Judiciary:

The committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred

Senate joint resolution No. 100, entitled

Joint resolution to amend section 6 of article 6 of the constitution of the State of Michigan, relative to circuit courts.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

F. SHEPHERD,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

Pending the order that the joint resolution be printed, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order,

On motion of Mr. Duff,

The rules were suspended, two-thirds of all the members present voting therefor, and the joint resolution was put upon its immediate passage.

The joint resolution was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Alward	Mr. Gray	Mr. Pack
Anderson	Gustin	Pearson
Babcock	Hammond	Randall
Baumgaertner	Handy	Read, J. H.
Brownell	Hart	Reed, G. W.
Burch	Hatzenbuehler	Reed, W. A.
Burdick	Heck	Robinson
Burfoot	Heineman	Schmidt
Buskirk	Herrig	Scully
Caldwell	Hofmeister	Shepherd
Carton	Howell	Shisler
Chamberlain	Kerr	Soper
Chandler	Kingott	Stumpenhuisen
Cheever	Lafamboy	Sutherland
Collins	Locher	Taziman
Crosby	Lugers	Van Camp
Davis	McCall	Waterbury
Dickinson	McCallum	Watters
Doyle	McKay	Wayne

Mr. Dudley
Duff
Eikhoff
Fleischhauer
Gillam
Gillette
Goodell
Goodyear
Gordon

Mr. McLean
McLeod
Mason
Moore
Murphy
Nash
Nevins
Niedermeyer
Oberdoffer

Mr. Wells
Weter
Wheeler
Whitney
Wing
Wood
Woodruff
Speaker

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Duff,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect; the joint resolution was ordered to take immediate effect.

The following is the joint resolution:

Joint resolution to amend section 6 of article 6 of the constitution of the State of Michigan, relative to circuit courts.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Michigan, That the following amendment to the constitution of this State be and the same is hereby proposed, that is to say, that section 6 of article 6 of said constitution be amended so as to read as follows:

Section 6. The State shall be divided into judicial circuits in each of which the electors thereof shall elect one circuit judge, who shall hold his office for a term of six years and until his successor is elected and qualified. The Legislature may provide for the election of more than one circuit judge in the judicial circuit in which the city of Detroit is or may be situated, and in the judicial circuit in which the county of Saginaw is or may be situated, and in the judicial circuit in which the county of Kent is or may be situated [and in the judicial circuit in which the county of St. Clair is or may be situated]. And the circuit judge or judges of said circuits, in addition to the salary provided by the constitution, shall receive from their respective counties such additional salary as may from time to time be fixed and determined by the board of supervisors of said county. And the board of supervisors of each county in the upper peninsula is hereby authorized and empowered to give and pay to the circuit judge of the judicial circuit to which said county is attached such additional salary or compensation as may from time to time be fixed and determined by such board of supervisors.

This section as amended shall take effect from the time of its adoption.

And be it further resolved, That said constitutional amendment shall be submitted to the people of the State, at the election to be held on the first Monday in April, in the year one thousand eight hundred ninety-nine, and that the Secretary of State is hereby required to certify the same to the clerks of the several counties and give notice of the same to the sheriffs of the several counties of this State, and the said sheriffs of the several counties of this State shall be required to give notice of the same to the several townships and wards in said State, in the manner required by law, and the inspectors of election in the several townships and cities of this State shall prepare a suitable box for the reception of ballots

cast for or against said amendment, and the said amendment shall be printed upon the official ballot used at said election, as provided by law, as follows:

Amendment to the constitution relative to circuit courts, Yes.

Amendment to the constitution relative to circuit courts, No.

The ballots shall be furnished and shall in all respects comply with and be canvassed and returns made as now required by law.

By the committee on Judiciary:

The committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred

House bill No. 43, entitled

A bill to license and regulate commission men and brokers.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, with the accompanying substitute therefor, entitled

A bill to license and regulate commission men and brokers.

Recommending that the substitute be concurred in, and that the substitute do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

F. SHEPHERD,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Shepherd,

The House concurred in the adoption of the substitute reported by committee.

The bill was then ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on Judiciary:

The committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred

House bill No. 546, entitled

A bill to regulate the practice in the circuit courts of this State upon motions or requests to direct the verdict or demurrers to the evidence by defendants.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, with the accompanying substitute therefor, entitled

A bill to regulate the practice in the circuit courts of this State upon demurrers to the evidence upon requests by the defendants to direct the verdict.

Recommending that the substitute be concurred in, and that the substitute do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

F. SHEPHERD,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Shepherd,

The House concurred in the adoption of the substitute reported by committee.

The bill was then ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on Judiciary:

The committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred

House bill No. 105, entitled

A bill regulating the practice in courts, held by justices of the peace in suits brought against two or more defendants.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

F. SHEPHERD,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on Judiciary:

The committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred

House bill No. 107, entitled

A bill to provide for the recording of conditional sale notes, contracts and memoranda of sale, wherein the title to the goods and chattels sold is retained in the vendor, until the whole of the purchase price is paid, and providing for a clerk or recorder's fee therefor.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to request of the House that the bill be printed for the use of the committee.

F. SHEPHERD,
Chairman.

Report accepted.

The question being on ordering the bill printed for the use of the committee,

The House so ordered.

By the committee on Railroads:

The committee on Railroads, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 25 (file No. 3), entitled

A bill to amend section 7 of an act entitled "An act to revise the laws providing for the incorporation of railroad companies and to regulate the running and management and to fix the duties and liabilities of all railroad and other corporations owning and operating any railroad in this State," the same being paragraph 3321 of Howell's annotated statutes.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

A. M. FLEISCHHAUER,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on Railroads:

The committee on Railroads, to whom was referred

House bill No. 73, entitled

A bill to protect the lives and property of persons at the crossing of electric railroads and public highways within the State of Michigan.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, without

amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

A. M. FLEISCHHAUER,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on Village Corporations:

The committee on Village Corporations, to whom was referred House bill No. 296, entitled

A bill to confer the power and authority upon the common council of the village of Harbor Springs to extend the electric light plant beyond its corporative limits.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

G. W. REED,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

Pending the order that the bill be printed, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order,

On motion of Mr. Shepherd,

The rules were suspended, two-thirds of all the members present voting therefor, and the bill was put upon its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Aldrich	Mr. Goodell	Mr. Nash
Alward	Goodrich	Nevins
Anderson	Goodyear	Niedermeier
Babcock	Gray	Pack
Baumgaertner	Gustin	Pearson
Brownell	Hammond	Randall
Burch	Handy	Read, J. H.
Burdick	Hart	Reed, G. W.
Burfoot	Hatzenbuehler	Reed, W. A.
Buskirk	Heck	Robinson
Caldwell	Heineman	Schmidt
Carton	Herrig	Shepherd
Chandler	Hofmeister	Soper
Cheever	Howell	Stumpfenhusen
Collins	Kingott	Sutherland
Crosby	Lafamboy	Taziman
Davis	Locher	Van Camp
Dickinson	Lugers	Weier
Doyle	McCall	Wells
Dudley	McKay	Wetter
Duff	McLean	Wheeler

Mr. Eikhoff
Fleischhauer
Gillam
Gillette

Mr. McLeod
Mason
Moore
Murphy

Mr. Wing
Wood
Woodruff
Speaker

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Shepherd,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

By the committee on City Corporations:

The committee on City Corporations, to whom was referred House bill No. 622, entitled

A bill prescribing the manner in which the city of Ionia may be incorporated under and be subject to the provisions of act No. 215 of the public acts of 1895 of the State of Michigan, entitled "An act to provide for the incorporation of cities of the fourth class."

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

P. HERRIG,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

Pending the order that the bill be printed, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order,

On motion of Mr. Scully,

The rules were suspended, two-thirds of all the members present voting therefor, and the bill was put upon its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Aldrich
Alward
Anderson
Babcock
Baumgaertner
Brownell
Burch
Burdick
Burfoot
Buskirk
Caldwell
Carton
Chamberlain
Chandler
Cheever
Collins

Mr. Gray
Hall
Hammond
Handy
Hart
Hatzenbuehler
Heck
Heigeman
Herrig
Hofmeister
Howell
Kerr
Kingott
Lafamboy
Lugers
McCall

Mr. Pack
Pearson
Randall
Read, J. H.
Reed, G. W.
Reed, W. A.
Robinson
Rulison
Schmidt
Scully
Shisler
Soper
Stumpfenhusen
Sutherland
Taziman
Van Camp

Mr. Davis	Mr. McCallum	Mr. Waterbury
Dickinson	McKay	Watters
Doyle	McLean	Wayne
Dudley	McLeod	Weier
Duff	Mason	Weter
Eikhoff	Moore	Wheeler
Gillam	Murphy	Whitney
Gillette	Nash	Wing
Goodell	Nevins	Wood
Goodyear	Niedermeier	Woodruff
Gordon	Oberdorffer	Speaker

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Scully,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

By the committee on Towns and Counties:

The committee on Towns and Counties, to whom was referred

House bill No. 16 (file No. 17), entitled

A bill to protect sidewalks and sidepaths and to provide a penalty for its violation.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

C. E. WHITNEY,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on Towns and Counties:

The committee on Towns and Counties, to whom was referred

House bill No. 220, entitled

A bill to authorize the Board of Supervisors of the county of Saginaw, to purchase and maintain the State Road bridge across the Tittabawassee river, in the county of Saginaw, known as Paine's bridge, and the approaches and appurtenances thereto, and to issue bonds for that purpose.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

C. E. WHITNEY,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

Pending the order that the bill be printed, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

On motion of Mr. Schmidt.

The rules were suspended, two-thirds of all the members present voting therefor, and the bill was put upon its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time, and pending the taking of the vote on the passage thereof,

On motion of Mr. Eikhoff,

The bill was laid on the table.

By the committee on City Corporations:

The committee on City Corporations, to whom was referred House bill No. 370, entitled

A bill to authorize the city of Cheboygan to borrow money to pay for public improvements, and to issue bonds therefor.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, with the accompanying substitute therefor, entitled

A bill to authorize the city of Cheboygan to borrow money for the purpose of making public improvements in and purchasing land for parks for said city, and to issue bonds for the payment of the same.

Recommending that the substitute be concurred in, and that the substitute do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

P. HERRIG,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The question being on concurring in the substitute reported for the bill, by the committee,

The House concurred.

Pending the order that the bill be printed, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order,

On motion of Mr. Shepherd,

The rules were suspended, two-thirds of all the members present voting therefor, and the bill was put upon its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Aldrich	Mr. Gustin	Mr. Randall
Alward	Hall	Read, J. H.
Anderson	Hammond	Reed, G. W.
Babcock	Handy	Reed, W. A.
Baumgaertner	Hatzenbuehler	Robinson
Brownell	Heck	Schmidt
Burch	Heineman	Scully
Burdick	Herrig	Shepherd
Caldwell	Hofmeister	Shisler
Carton	Howell	Soper
Chamberlain	Kingott	Stumpfenhusen
Chandler	Laflamboy	Sutherland
Cheever	Locher	Taziman
Davis	Lugers	Van Camp
Dickinson	McCall	Waterbury

Mr. Doyle	Mr. McCallum	Mr. Watters	
Dudley	McKay	Wayne	
Duff	McLean	Weier	
Eikhoff	Mason	Wells	
Fleischhauer	Moore	Weter	
Gillam	Nash	Wheeler	
Gillette	Nevins	Whitney	
Goodell	Niedermeier	Wood	
Goodrich	Oberdorffer	Woodruff	
Goodyear	Pack	Speaker	
Gordon	Pearson		78
Gray			
	NAYS.		0

Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Shepherd,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

By the committee on City Corporations:

The committee on City Corporations, to whom was referred

House bill No. 435, entitled

A bill to regulate the civil service of cities.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to request of the House that the bill be printed for the use of the committee.

P. HERRIG,
Chairman.

Report accepted.

The question being on ordering the bill printed for the use of the committee,

The House so ordered.

By the committee on Towns and Counties:

The committee on Towns and Counties, to whom was referred

House bill No. 916, entitled

A bill to allow the village of Capac, in the county of St. Clair, and State of Michigan, to borrow money and issue bonds in the sum of not exceeding 12 per cent of the assessed valuation of said village, as shown by the last preceding tax rolls, to be used exclusively for the purpose of purchasing, constructing and maintaining water works, as provided for in act No. 3 of the session laws of 1895.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

C. E. WHITNEY,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

Pending the order that the bill be printed, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order,

On motion of Mr. Kingott,

The rules were suspended, two-thirds of all the members present voting therefor, and the bill was put upon its immediate passage.

The bill having been read a third time and the question being upon its passage, pending the taking of the vote thereon,

On motion of Mr. Kingott,

The bill was recommitted to the committee on Towns and Counties.

By the committee on Towns and Counties:

The committee on Towns and Counties, to whom was referred

House bill No. 380, entitled

A bill to establish the office of assistant treasurer for the county of Muskegon, naming his powers and duties, and fixing the salary thereof.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, with the accompanying substitute therefor, entitled

A bill to establish the office of assistant treasurer for the county of Muskegon, naming his powers and duties, and fixing the salary thereof.

Recommending that the substitute be concurred in, and that the substitute do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

C. E. WHITNEY,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The question being on concurring in the substitute reported for the bill, by the committee,

The House concurred.

Pending the order that the bill be printed, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order,

On motion of Mr. Whitney,

The rules were suspended, two-thirds of all the members present voting therefor, and the bill was put upon its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Gordon	Mr. Aldrich	Mr. Oberdorffer
Gray	Alward	Pearson
Gustin	Anderson	Randall
Hammond	Babcock	Read, J. H.
Handy	Baumgärtner	Reed, G. W.
Hart	Brownell	Reed, W. A.
Hatzenbuehler	Burch	Robinson
Heck	Burdick	Schmidt
Heineman	Burfoot	Shepherd
Herrig	Caldwell	Shisler
Hofmeister	Carton	Soper
Howell	Chamberlain	Stumpfenhusen
Laflamboy	Chandler	Sutherland
Lochern	Cheever	Taziman
Lugers	Davis	Van Camp
McCall	Dickinson	Waterbury
McKay	Doyle	Watters

Mr. Dudley	Mr. McLean	Mr. Wayne
Duff	McLeod	Weier
Eikhoff	Mason	Weter
Fleischhauer	Moore	Whitney
Gillam	Murphy	Wing
Gillette	Nash	Wood
Goodell	Nevins	Woodruff
Goodrich	Niedermeier	Speaker
Goodyear		

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NAYS.

0

Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Whitney,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

By the committee on Private Corporations:

The committee on Private Corporations, to whom was referred

House bill No. 570, entitled

A bill to protect bank deposits.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to request of the House that the bill be printed for the use of the committee.

S. H. McCALL,
Chairman.

Report accepted.

The question being on ordering the bill printed for the use of the committee,

The House so ordered.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Gillam offered the following:

Resolved, That when the House adjourn today it stand adjourned until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Chamberlain offered the following:

Resolved by the House (the Senate concurring), That the Secretary of State be, and he is hereby instructed to prepare and transmit a copy of the act of this session entitled "An act to provide for the relief of sick, disabled and needy ex-soldiers, sailors and marines of the late Spanish-American war." to each member of the several county relief boards in the State, as constituted by said act.

Laid over one day under the rules.

Mr. Herrig offered the following:

Resolved, That the Board of Auditors are hereby requested to employ men who are sufficiently expert to run the elevator, to run it rapidly and promptly, and a sufficient number of men to keep the elevator in operation from 7:30 in the morning until the members of the Legislature have all departed from the House or committee rooms at night.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Gustin moved to take from the table

House bill No. 1147, entitled

A bill to create a commission and define its duties and powers, and make an appropriation of money for the purpose of making an exhibit of the various manufactures of the products of the State of Michigan, at the Ohio Centennial Exposition, at Toledo, in the years 1902 and 1903.

Which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Gustin,

The bill was referred to the committee on State Affairs.

Mr. Carton moved to discharge the committee of the whole from the further consideration of

House bill No. 889, entitled

A bill to provide for the assessment and levy of taxes upon the property of railroad companies, express companies, telegraph companies and telephone companies, and the collection thereof, and the designation and election of a State Board of Assessors to make such assessment and levy, and defining the duties of such board, and the compensation of its members; and to repeal all other acts or parts of acts, whether in acts for incorporation of union railroad station and depot grounds, or any other laws of this State, so far as such acts or parts of acts are inconsistent with this act, and no further; and to apply the taxes assessed and collected under this bill to pay "The interest upon the primary school, university and other educational funds, and the interest and principal of the State debt, in the order herein recited, until the extinguishment of the State debt, other than amounts due to educational funds, when such taxes to be collected under this act be added to and constitute a part of the primary school interest fund."

Which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Carton.

The bill was laid on the table.

Mr. Van Camp moved to take from the table

House bill No. 614, entitled

A bill to provide a probate register for Berrien county, and to fix his compensation.

Which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Van Camp,

The rules were suspended, two-thirds of all the members present voting therefor, and the bill was put upon its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Aldrich

Alward

Anderson

Babcock

Baumgaertner

Brownell

Burch

Burdick

Burfoot

Caldwell

Mr. Gray

Gustin

Hall

Hammond

Handy

Hart

Hatzenbuehler

Heineman

Herrig

Hofmeister

Mr. Pack

Pearson

Randall

Read, J. H.

Reed, G. W.

Reed, W. A.

Robinson

Rulison

Schmidt

Scully

Mr. Carton	Mr. Howell	Mr. Shepherd	
Chamberlain	Kerr	Shisler	
Chandler	Kingott	Soper	
Cheever	Laflamboy	Stewart	
Davis	Locher	Stumpenhusen	
Dickinson	Lugers	Sutherland	
Doyle	McCall	Taziman	
Dudley	McCallum	Waterbury	
Duff	McKay	Watters	
Eikhoff	McLean	Wayne	
Fleischhauer	McLeod	Weier	
Gillam	Mason	Weter	
Gillette	Moore	Whitney	
Goodell	Murphy	Wing	
Goodrich	Nevins	Wood	
Goodyear	Niedermeyer	Woodruff	
Gordon	Oberdorffer	Speaker	
			81
	NAYS.		0

Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Van Camp,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

Mr. Woodruff moved to take from the table

House bill No. 734, entitled

A bill to change the boundaries of school districts Nos. 1 and 3 in the township of Union, county of Isabella, and State of Michigan.

Which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Woodruff,

The rules were suspended, two-thirds of all the members present voting therefor, and the bill was put upon its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Aldrich	Mr. Hall	Mr. Pack
Alward	Hammond	Pearson
Babcock	Handy	Randall
Baumgaertner	Hart	Read, J. H.
Brownell	Hatzenbuhler	Reed, G. W.
Burch	Heck	Reed, W. A.
Burdick	Heineman	Robinson
Caldwell	Herrig	Rulison
Chamberlain	Hofmeister	Scully
Chandler	Howell	Shepherd
Crosby	Kerr	Shisler
Davis	Laflamboy	Soper
Dickinson	Locher	Stumpenhusen
Doyle	Lugers	Taziman
Dudley	McCall	Van Camp

Mr. Duff	Mr. McCallum	Mr. Waterbury
Eikhoff	McKay	Watters
Fleischhauer	McLeod	Weier
Gillam	Mason	Weter
Gillette	Murphy	Whitney
Goodrich	Nash	Wing
Goodyear	Nevins	Wood
Gordon	Niedermeler	Woodruff
Gray	Oberdorffer	Speaker

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NAYS.

0

Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Woodruff,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

Mr. Laflamboy moved to take from the table

House bill No. 708, entitled

A bill to provide for the submission to the qualified electors of the county of Montcalm, in the State of Michigan, the question of the relief of George Douglass, ex-treasurer of said county, from liability on account of the loss of county funds occasioned through the failure of the City National Bank of the city of Greenville, Michigan, and the bank of C. W. Chapin & Company, of the city of Stanton, Michigan.

Which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Laflamboy,

The rules were suspended, two-thirds of all the members present voting therefor, and the bill was put upon its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Aldrich	Mr. Gordon	Mr. Pack
Alward	Gustin	Pearson
Anderson	Hall	Randall
Babcock	Hammond	Read, J. H.
Baumgartner	Handy	Reed, G. W.
Brownell	Hart	Reed, W. A.
Burch	Hatzenbuhler	Rulison
Burdick	Heck	Schmidt
Buskirk	Heineman	Scully
Caldwell	Herrig	Shepherd
Chamberlain	Hofmeister	Shisler
Chandler	Howell	Soper
Collins	Kerr	Stumpenhusen
Crosby	Laflamboy	Sutherland
Davis	Locher	Taziman
Dickinson	Lugers	Van Camp
Doyle	McCall	Waterbury
Dudley	McCallum	Watters
Duff	McKay	Weier
Eikhoff	McLeod	Weter

Mr. Fleischhauer	Mr. Mason	Mr. Whitney	
Gillam	Murphy	Wing	
Gillette	Nash	Wood	
Goodell	Nevins	Woodruff	
Goodrich	Niedermeier	Speaker	
Goodyear	Oberdorffer		77
NAYS.			0

Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Laflamboy,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

Mr. Rulison moved to take from the table

House bill No. 321, entitled

A bill to provide for an additional voting precinct in the township of Franklin, in the county of Houghton, to be known as precinct No. 4.

Which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Rulison,

The bill was referred to the committee on Elections.

Mr. Rulison moved to take from the table

House bill No. 322, entitled

A bill to provide for an additional voting precinct in the township of Franklin, county of Houghton, to be known as voting precinct No. 3.

Which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Rulison,

The bill was referred to the committee on Elections.

GENERAL ORDER.

On motion of Mr. Alward,

The House went into committee of the whole on the general order.

Whereupon the Speaker called Mr. Hofmeister to the chair.

After some time spent therein, the committee rose, and through their chairman made the following report:

The committee of the whole have had under consideration the following:

1. House bill No. 125 (file No. 31), entitled

A bill to amend section 8 of chapter 10 of act No. 215 of the public acts of 1895, entitled "An act to provide for the incorporation of cities of the fourth-class." approved May 27, 1895; being section 3096 of the compiled laws of 1897.

2. House bill No. 62 (file No. 33), entitled

A bill to amend section 1, chapter 1 of act 16 of the laws of 1862, being an act for the reorganization of the military forces of the State of Michigan; compiler's section 868 of Howell's annotated statutes, approved January 18, 1862.

Have made no amendments thereto, and have directed their chairman to report the same back to the House, and recommend their passage.

The committee of the whole have also had under consideration the following:

3. Senate bill No. 9 (file No. 4), entitled

A bill to authorize the formation of corporations for intellectual, scientific, æsthetic, spiritual, liberal culture or inquiry, and to repeal an act entitled "An act to authorize the formation of associations for intellectual, scientific, æsthetic, spiritual, religious or liberal culture or inquiry," approved May 20, 1879, being chapter 147 of Howell's annotated statutes.

Have made sundry amendments thereto, and have directed their chairman to report the same back to the House, asking concurrence therein, and recommend its passage.

The committee of the whole have also had under consideration the following:

4. House joint resolution No. 95 (file No. 35), entitled

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to section 1, article 7, of the constitution of the State of Michigan relative to elections.

And have directed their chairman to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that it be made the special order for Wednesday, March 15, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

CHAS. HOFMEISTER,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The first and second named bills were placed on the order of third reading.

On motion of Mr. Hofmeister,

The House concurred in the amendments made by the committee to the third named bill and it was placed on the order of third reading.

On motion of Mr. Chamberlain,

The House concurred in the recommendation of the committee relative to the fourth named bill, and it was made the special order for Wednesday, March 15, at 7:30 p. m.

Mr. Dickinson moved that the rules be suspended, and that the second named bill, being

House bill No. 62 (file No. 33), entitled

A bill to amend section 1, chapter 1 of act 16 of the laws of 1862, being an act for the reorganization of the military forces of the State of Michigan; compiler's section 868 of Howell's annotated statutes, approved January 18, 1862.

Be put on its immediate passage.

Which motion prevailed, two-thirds of all the members present voting therefor.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Aldrich

Babcock

Baumgärtner

Brownell

Burch

Burdick

Burfoot

Caldwell

Mr. Goodrich

Goodyear

Gordon

Gray

Gustin

Handy

Hart

Hatzenbuehler

Mr. Murphy

Nash

Nevins

Niedermeier

Oberdorffer

Phillips

Read, J. H.

Reed, G. W.

Mr. Carton	Mr. Heck	Mr. Robinson
Chamberlain	Heineman	Shepherd
Cheever	Hofmeister	Stumpenhusen
Crosby	Howell	Sutherland
Davis	Kelly	Taziman
Dickinson	Lafamboy	Van Camp
Dudley	Locher	Weier
Duff	Lugers	Weter
Eikhoff	McCall	Wing
Fleischhauer	McCallum	Wood
Gillam	McLean	Woodruff
Gillette	Mason	Speaker

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NAYS.

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Title agreed to.

By unanimous consent the House resumed the regular order.

BILLS PRESENTED TO THE GOVERNOR.

By the Clerk:

I have to report that I have this day enrolled, compared and presented to the Governor,

House bill No. 77, entitled

An act for the organization of corporate Methodist Episcopal churches.

In accordance with the rules and order of the House: the receipt for the same being dated 5:12 p. m., March 2, 1899.

LEWIS M. MILLER,
Clerk of the House.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

By the committee on Judiciary:

The committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred

House bill No. 824, entitled

A bill to amend and alter sections 9 and 14 of act No. 39 of the public acts of 1883, as amended and altered by act No. 93 of the public acts of 1887, entitled "An act to authorize the formation of corporations for the purpose of excavating, constructing and maintaining water courses with water power appurtenant thereto, for accumulating, storing, conducting, selling, furnishing and supplying, upon an agreed rental, water and water power for mining, milling, manufacturing, domestic, municipal and agricultural purposes, and for holding and conveying land adjacent to said watercourse, or within convenient distance thereof," same being sections 3895i and 3895n of Howell's statutes, volume 3.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to request of the House that the bill be printed for the use of the committee.

F. SHEPHERD,
Chairman.

Report accepted.

The question being on ordering the bill printed for the use of the committee,

The House so ordered.

By the committee on Towns and Counties:

The committee on Towns and Counties, to whom was referred

House bill No. 916, entitled

A bill to allow the village of Capac, in the county of St. Clair, and State of Michigan, to borrow money and issue bonds in the sum of not exceeding 12 per cent of the assessed valuation of said village as shown by the last preceding tax roll, to be used exclusively for the purpose of purchasing and maintaining water works as provided for in act No. 3 of the session laws of 1895.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House with amendments thereto, recommending that the amendments be concurred in, and that the bill, when so amended, do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

C. E. WHITNEY,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The question being on concurring in the amendment made by the committee to the bill,

The House concurred.

Pending the order that the bill be printed, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order,

On motion of Mr. Weier,

The bill was laid on the table.

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.

The Speaker announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, March 2, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House the following bill:

House bill No. 380, entitled

A bill to establish the office of assistant treasurer for the county of Muskegon, naming his powers and duties and fixing the salary thereof.

In the passage of which the Senate has concurred by a majority vote of all the Senators elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect has ordered the same to take immediate effect.

Very respectfully,

CHARLES S. PIERCE,
Secretary of the Senate.

The bill was referred for enrollment and presentation to the Governor, under the rules.

Mr. Randall moved that the House adjourn.

Which motion prevailed, and

The Speaker declared the House adjourned until 10 o'clock a. m., tomorrow morning.

{ REPRESENTATIVE HALL, LANSING,
Friday, March 3, 1899.

The House met pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by the Speaker.

Roll called: quorum present.

Absent without leave: Messrs. Aldrich, Chamberlain, Foster, Goodell, Hall, Hammond, Handy, Herrig, Keep, Kingott, Laflamboy, Mason, Miller, Oberdorffer, Pack, Phillips, Randall, W. A. Reed, Rulison, Scully, Shisler, Waterbury and Whitney.

On motion of Mr. Woodruff,

Leave of absence was granted to Mr. Mason for the day.

On motion of Mr. Cheever,

Leave of absence was granted to Mr. Chamberlain for the day.

On motion of Mr. McCall,

Leave of absence was granted to committee on Private Corporations until Monday next.

On motion of Mr. Moore,

Leave of absence was granted to Mr. Pack until Wednesday next.

On motion of Mr. Robinson,

Leave of absence was granted to all absentees for the day.

On motion of Mr. Wood,

Leave of absence was granted to committee on State Affairs for the day.

On motion of Mr. Chandler,

Leave of absence was granted to himself until Tuesday next.

On motion of Mr. Shepherd,

Leave of absence was granted to himself until Thursday.

On motion of Mr. Stewart,

Leave of absence was granted to himself until Tuesday next.

BILLS PRESENTED TO THE GOVERNOR.

By the Clerk:

I have to report that I have this day enrolled, compared and presented to the Governor,

Concurrent resolution enrolled No. 30, entitled

Concurrent resolution asking for the naming of a battleship after the State of Michigan.

In accordance with the rules and order of the House: the receipt for the same being dated 9:53 o'clock a. m., March 3, 1899.

LEWIS M. MILLER,
Clerk of the House.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS.

No. 123. By Mr. Gillette: Petition of Chas. H. Schultz and 61 others, relative to judicial circuit in Berrien county.

Referred to the committee on Judiciary.

No. 124. By Mr. Burdick: Petition of E. L. Cole and 152 others, asking for the passage of the Lyon bill prohibiting saloons within three miles of schools.

Referred to the committee on Liquor Traffic.

No. 125. By Mr. Carton: Petition of the Flint Township Farmers' Club, endorsing the passage of the Goodell bill, to protect lives and property at railroad crossings.

Referred to the committee on Railroads.

No. 126. By Mr. Goodyear: Petition of W. H. Swift and 25 others, asking for the passage of the Goodell bill, to protect lives and property at railroad crossings.

Referred to the committee on Railroads.

No. 127. By Mr. Moore: Petition of B. F. Beckwith and 17 others, asking that changes be made in the game laws.

Referred to the committee on Fisheries and Game.

No. 128. By Mr. Moore: Petition of W. Meyers and others, citizens of St. Clair county, asking that they be allowed to fish with seines in Belle river during the months of March, April and May.

Referred to the committee on Fisheries and Game.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

By the committee on Local Taxation:

The committee on Local Taxation, to whom was referred

House bill No. 755, entitled

A bill to authorize the board of education of the city of Escanaba, county of Delta, and State of Michigan, to borrow money and issue bonds in the sum of \$15,000, to be used in the erection of a school building in the city, and in purchase of a site therefor.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House with amendments thereto, recommending that the amendments be concurred in, and that the bill when so amended do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

ROBERT ALWARD,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The question being on concurring in the amendments made by the committee to the bill,

The House concurred.

Pending the order that the bill be printed, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

On motion of Mr. McCallum.

The rules were suspended, two-thirds of all the members present voting therefor, and the bill was put upon its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Alward

Babcock

Baumgärtner

Brownell

Burdick

Baskirk

Mr. Gillette

Goodrich

Goodyear

Gordon

Gray

Gustin

Mr. Nevins

Niedermeyer

Pearson

Randall

Read, J. H.

Reed, G. W.

Mr. Caldwell	Mr. Hart	Mr. Robinson	
Carton	Heineman	Shepherd	
Chandler	Hofmeister	Stumpenhusen	
Cheever	Howell	Taziman	
Collins	Kelly	Van Camp	
Colvin	Kerr	Watters	
Crosby	Locher	Weier	
Dickinson	Lugers	Wells	
Dudley	McCall	Wing	
Duff	McCallum	Wood	
Eikhoff	McKay	Woodruff	
Fleischhauer	McLean	Speaker	
Gillam	Moore		56

NAYS.

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Title agreed to.

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.

The Speaker announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER.
Lansing, March 2, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House the following bill:

House bill No. 199, entitled

A bill to legalize certain bonds issued by the city of Gladstone for the construction of water works.

In the passage of which the Senate has concurred by a majority vote of all the Senators elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect has ordered the same to take immediate effect.

Very respectfully,

CHARLES S. PIERCE,

Secretary of the Senate.

The bill was referred for enrollment and presentation to the Governor, under the rules.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER.
Lansing, March 2, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House the following bill:

House bill No. 198, entitled

A bill to authorize the city of Gladstone, in the county of Delta, to raise money to redeem or refund bonds to the amount of \$35,000, issued for the construction of water works.

In the passage of which the Senate has concurred by a majority vote

of all the Senators elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect has ordered the same to take immediate effect.

Very respectfully,

CHARLES S. PIERCE,

Secretary of the Senate.

The bill was referred for enrollment and presentation to the Governor, under the rules.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, March 2, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed by the Senate to transmit to the House the following joint resolution:

Senate joint resolution No. 69 (file No. 19), entitled

Joint resolution proposing an amendment to section 22, article 4, of the constitution of this State, relative to furnishing supplies and to the establishment in the city of Lansing of a printing office owned by the State.

Which has passed the Senate by a two-thirds vote of all the Senators elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect has been ordered to take immediate effect, and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

CHARLES S. PIERCE,

Secretary of the Senate.

The joint resolution was read a first and second time by its title, and pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Gillam,

The joint resolution was laid on the table.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, March 2, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed by the Senate to transmit to the House the following bill:

Senate bill No. 65 (file No. 29), entitled

A bill to amend section 5 of chapter 6; to amend and renumber sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 of subdivision "City Clerk" of chapter 7, to amend section 6 of chapter 27, of act No. 321 of the local acts of 1893, entitled "An act to reincorporate the city of Gladstone, in the county of Delta, and to repeal all acts or parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act," approved March 27, 1893, as amended by the several acts amendatory thereof.

Which has passed the Senate by a majority vote of all the Senators elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect has been ordered to take immediate effect, and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

CHARLES S. PIERCE,

Secretary of the Senate.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on City Corporations.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, March 2, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed by the Senate to transmit to the House the following bill:

Senate bill No. 205, entitled

A bill to confer the provisions of act No. 186 of the public acts of 1891 upon the township of Elk Rapids and the township board thereof.

Which has passed the Senate by a majority vote of all the Senators elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect has been ordered to take immediate effect, and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,
CHARLES S. PIERCE,
Secretary of the Senate.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Towns and Counties.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, March 2, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed by the Senate to transmit to the House the following bill:

Senate joint resolution No. 76 (file No. 27), entitled

Joint resolution to amend sections 1, 5, 8, 10, 12, 14, 15, 19 and 20 of article 6, of the constitution of this State, relative to the judicial department.

Which has passed the Senate by a two-thirds vote of all the Senators elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect has been ordered to take immediate effect, and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,
CHARLES S. PIERCE,
Secretary of the Senate.

The joint resolution was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, March 2, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House the following bill:

House bill No. 4 (file No. 9), entitled

A bill to legalize certain bonds of the township of Brooks, in Newaygo county.

In the passage of which the Senate has concurred by a majority vote

of all the Senators elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect has ordered the same to take immediate effect.

Very respectfully,

CHARLES S. PIERCE,
Secretary of the Senate.

The bill was referred for enrollment and presentation to the Governor, under the rules.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER.

Lansing, March 3, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House the following bill:

House bill No. 614, entitled

A bill to provide a probate register for Berrien county, and to fix his compensation.

In the passage of which the Senate has concurred by a majority vote of all the Senators elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect has ordered the same to take immediate effect.

Very respectfully,

CHARLES S. PIERCE,
Secretary of the Senate.

The bill was referred for enrollment and presentation to the Governor, under the rules.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER.

Lansing, March 3, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House the following bill:

House bill No. 282, entitled

A bill to vacate the village of Ewen, in the county of Ontonagon.

In the passage of which the Senate has concurred by a majority vote of all the Senators elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect has ordered the same to take immediate effect.

Very respectfully,

CHARLES S. PIERCE,
Secretary of the Senate.

The bill was referred for enrollment and presentation to the Governor, under the rules.

THIRD READING OF BILLS.

Senate bill No. 9 (file No. 4), entitled

A bill to authorize the formation of corporations for intellectual, scientific, æsthetic, spiritual, liberal culture or inquiry, and to repeal an act entitled "An act to authorize the formation of associations for intellectual, scientific, æsthetic, spiritual, religious or liberal culture or inquiry." approved May 20, 1879, being chapter 147 of Howell's annotated statutes.

Was read a third time, and pending the taking of the vote on the passage thereof,

On motion of Mr. Eikhoff,

The bill was laid on the table.

House bill No. 125 (file No. 31), entitled

A bill to amend section 8 of chapter 10 of act No. 215 of the public acts of 1895, entitled "An act to provide for the incorporation of cities of the fourth class," approved May 27, 1895, being section 3096 of the compiled laws of 1897.

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Alward	Mr. Gillette	Mr. Nevins
Babcock	Goodrich	Niedermeier
Baumgärtner	Goodyear	Fearson
Brownell	Gordon	Randall
Burdick	Gray	Read, J. H.
Buskirk	Gustin	Reed, G. W.
Caldwell	Hart	Robinson
Carton	Heck	Stewart
Chandler	Heineman	Stumpenhuisen
Cheever	Hofmeister	Taziman
Collins	Howell	Van Camp
Colvin	Kelly	Watters
Crosby	Locher	Weier
Dudley	Lugers	Wells
Duff	McCall	Wing
Eikhoff	McKay	Wood
Fleischhauer	McLean	Woodruff
Gillam	Moore	Speaker

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Title agreed to.

*MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Chandler moved to take from the table.

House bill No. 1128, entitled

A bill to detach certain territory from the present townships of Rudyard, Dafter and Pickford, in Chippewa county, and to organize the same into a separate township, to be known as the township of Kinross, in said county.

Which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Cheever,

The bill was referred to the committee on Towns and Counties.

Mr. Hart offered the following:

Resolved, That when the House adjourns today it stand adjourned until next Monday evening at 9 o'clock.

Mr. Gillam moved to amend the resolution by making the hour 4 o'clock p. m.

Which motion did not prevail.

The resolution was then adopted.

Mr. Moore moved to take from the table,

House bill No. 916, entitled

A bill to allow the village of Capac, in the county of St. Clair, and State of Michigan, to borrow money and issue bonds in the sum of not exceeding 12 per cent of the assessed valuation of said village as shown by the last preceding tax roll, to be used exclusively for the purpose of purchasing and maintaining water works as provided for in act No. 3 of the session laws of 1895.

Which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Moore,

The rules were suspended, two-thirds of all the members present voting therefor, and the bill was put upon its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Alward	Mr. Gillette	Mr. Niedermeier
Babcock	Goodrich	Oberdorffer
Baumgärtner	Goodyear	Pearson
Brownell	Gordon	Randall
Burdick	Gray	Read, J. H.
Buskirk	Gustin	Reed, G. W.
Caldwell	Hart	Robinson
Carton	Heck	Shepherd
Chamberlain	Heineman	Stewart
Chandler	Hofmeister	Van Camp
Cheever	Howell	Waterbury
Collins	Locher	Watters
Crosby	Lugers	Weier
Dickinson	McCall	Wells
Dudley	McCallum	Weter
Duff	McKay	Wing
Elkhoff	McLean	Wood
Fleischhauer	Moore	Woodruff
Gillam	Nevens	Speaker

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Title agreed to.

Mr. Hart offered the following:

Resolved, That the stenographers employed to report the proceedings upon railroad legislation be discharged from further duty.

Mr. Carton moved the resolution do lie on the table.

Which motion prevailed.

Mr. Crosby moved to discharge the committee on Judiciary from the further consideration of

House bill No. 158, entitled

A bill to amend section 6 of act No. 304, session laws of 1897, entitled "An act to provide a general law under which corporations may be formed to carry on printing, publishing and book making, and any or either of them," approved June 28, 1887, being compiler's section 4205f of chapter 129 of volume 3 of Howell's annotated statutes of the State of Michigan.

Which motion prevailed.

By the committee on Judiciary:

The committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred

House bill No. 158, entitled

A bill to amend section 6 of act No. 304, session laws of 1897, entitled "An act to provide a general law under which corporations may be formed to carry on printing, publishing and book making, and any or either of them," approved June 28, 1887, being compiler's section 4205f of chapter 129 of volume 3 of Howell's annotated statutes of the State of Michigan.

Respectfully report the same back to the House, in accordance with its instructions, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

F. SHEPHERD,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

Pending the order that the bill be printed, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order,

On motion of Mr. Crosby,

The rules were suspended, two-thirds of all the members present voting therefor, and the bill was put upon its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Alward	Mr. Goodrich	Mr. Pearson
Babcock	Goodyear	Randall
Baumgærtner	Gordon	Read, J. H.
Brownell	Gray	Reed, G. W.
Burdick	Hart	Robinson
Buskirk	Heck	Shepherd
Carton	Heineman	Stewart
Chamberlain	Hofmeister	Stumpenhusen
Chandler	Howell	Taziman
Cheever	Locher	Van Camp
Collins	Lugers	Watters
Colvin	McCall	Weier
Crosby	McCallum	Wells
Dickinson	McKay	Weter
Dudley	McLean	Wing
Duff	Moore	Wood
Ekhoﬀ	Nevins	Woodruff
Fleischhauer	Oberdorffer	Speaker
Gillam		

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Title agreed to.

Mr. Wood offered the following:

Resolved, That the Board of State Auditors be instructed to provide new water tanks for the use of the House.

Which was adopted.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Being the consideration of the following:

Resolved by the House (the Senate concurring), That the Secretary of State be, and he is hereby instructed to prepare and transmit a copy of the act of this session entitled "An act to provide for the relief of sick, disabled and needy ex-soldiers, sailors and marines of the late Spanish-American war," to each member of the several county relief boards in the State, as constituted by said act.

Which was adopted.

GENERAL ORDER.

On motion of Mr. Gillam,

The House went into committee of the whole, on the general order. Whereupon the Speaker called Mr. Van Camp to the chair.

After some time spent therein, the committee rose, and through their chairman, made the following report:

The committee of the whole have had under consideration the following:

1. House joint resolution No. 348 (file No. 36), entitled

Joint resolution to authorize and instruct the Board of State Auditors to examine into, and if they deem it justifiable to allow, the claim of William T. Densmore for injuries sustained by him from a premature discharge of a cannon while engaged in the regular performance of his duty as a member of the Hudson Light Artillery Company, an organized volunteer militia company, organized under the laws of the State of Michigan, at Hudson, Michigan.

2. House bill No. 87 (file No. 39), entitled

A bill to amend section 47 of act No. 206 of the public acts of 1893, being "An act to provide for the assessment of property, and the levy and collection of taxes thereon, and for the collection of taxes heretofore and hereafter levied; making such taxes a lien on the lands taxed, establishing and continuing such lien, providing for the sale and conveyance of lands delinquent for taxes, and for the inspection and disposition of lands bid off to the State and not redeemed or purchased; and to repeal act No. 200 of the public acts of 1891, and all other acts and parts of acts in anywise contravening any of the provisions of this act."

3. Senate bill No. 25 (file No. 3), entitled

A bill to amend section 7 of an act entitled "An act to revise the laws providing for the incorporation of railroad companies, and to regulate the running and management, and to fix the duties and liabilities of all railroad and other corporations owning and operating any railroad in this State," the same being paragraph 3321 of Howell's annotated statutes.

Have made no amendments thereto, and have directed their chairman to report the same back to the House, and recommend their passage.

The committee of the whole have also had under consideration the following:

4. House bill No. 16 (file No. 17), entitled

A bill to protect sidewalks and side-paths, and to provide a penalty for its violation.

Have made sundry amendments thereto, and have directed their chairman to report the same back to the House, asking concurrence therein, and recommend its passage.

S. L. VAN CAMP,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The first named joint resolution and the second and third named bills were placed on the order of third reading.

On motion of Mr. Heineman,

The House concurred in the amendments made by the committee to the fourth named bill and it was placed on the order of third reading.

By unanimous consent

The Speaker announced the following:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Lansing, March 2, 1899.

To the House of Representatives:

I transmit herewith copy of report of Commissioners upon Uniformity of Legislation, appointed under concurrent resolution No. 7 of the laws of 1891.

Yours respectfully,
H. S. PINGREE,
Governor.

The message was ordered spread on the Journal.

The following is the report:

Detroit, Michigan,
December 1, 1898.

Hon. Hazen S. Pingree, Governor:

Sir—Concurrent resolution No. 7 of the laws of 1890 is as follows:

“Whereas, There is a strong demand among the people of the United States for greater uniformity of legislation; and

“Whereas, Some of the states of the Union have appointed commissioners to meet with like commissioners from other states to confer upon the subject of promoting uniformity of legislation in the United States; therefore

“Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That within ten days after the passage of this resolution the Governor of this State shall appoint three commissioners, who are hereby constituted a board of commissioners, by the name and style of ‘Commissioners for promotion of uniformity of legislation in the United States.

“It shall be the duty of said board to examine the subjects of marriage and divorce, insolvency, forms of notarial certificates, acknowledgment and execution of deeds, execution and probate of wills, descent and distribution of property, and other subjects; to ascertain the best means to effect an assimilation and uniformity in the laws of the states, and for

that purpose, in their discretion, to meet representatives of other states in convention, to draft uniform laws for submission and adoption by the several states and to advise and recommend such other course of action as shall best accomplish the purpose of this resolution. The said commissioners shall serve without compensation and shall present at the next session of the legislature of this State, by forms of bills or otherwise, such legislation as they may recommend."

By the authority conferred by concurrent resolution, Governor Winans appointed A. C. Maxwell of Bay City, C. S. Casgrain and S. M. Cutcheon of Detroit, as such commissioners. The commissioners met on the 20th day of July, 1892, and organized by the election of Mr. Cutcheon as president and Mr. Casgrain as secretary. Mr. Maxwell, on his election as judge of the Circuit Court for Bay county, resigned from the commission, and on the 28th day of December, 1895, Thomas J. O'Brien of Grand Rapids was appointed in his place.

Conferences with like commissioners from other states have been held as follows:

1. At Saratoga Springs on August 24, 25 and 26, 1892.
2. At New York City on November 15 and 16, 1892.
3. At Milwaukee on August 31, and September 1, 1893.
4. At Saratoga Springs on August 22, 23 and 24, 1894.
5. At Detroit on August 26 and 27, 1895.
6. At Saratoga Springs on August 15, 17 and 18, 1896.
7. At Cleveland on August 23 and 24, 1897.
8. At Saratoga Springs on August 15 and 16, 1898.

At the time of the first conference, but eight states had appointed commissioners. At the time of the last conference 32 states and one territory had appointed commissioners.

These several conferences have considered at length, and have formulated bills upon the followings subjects:

1. Acknowledgment and execution of deeds.
2. Execution and probate of wills.
3. Maturity of notes and bills of exchange.
4. Weights and measures.
5. Relating to negotiable instruments.

They also agreed upon certain recommendations to the several states as to marriage and divorce.

Many of the recommendations of these National Conferences were in harmony with the statutes of Michigan. The other recommendations made prior to the last regular session of our legislature have been enacted into law, except the one as to uniform weights and measures.

The conference of 1895 took up the question of preparing a general act relative to negotiable instruments. An expert was employed to prepare a bill on the lines of the "Bills of Exchange Act," passed by the parliament of Great Britain, August 18, 1892. His work was submitted to all of the commissioners of the several states, and to other leading members of the bar throughout the country for suggestions. It was considered with great care at the meeting of the National Conference at Saratoga Springs in August, 1896. This act has already been adopted in New York, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Maryland, Virginia, Florida and Colorado. It was passed unanimously by the House of Representatives at Washington, was reported to the Senate with favorable recommendation by

unanimous vote of the committee of District of Columbia and will be passed, in all probability, when reached by the Senate. The report of the committee of the House, which was adopted as the report of the committee of the Senate, is as follows:

"Your committee, in reporting in favor of the negotiable instruments act, beg leave to refer briefly to its history and introduction of your committee.

"The commissioners of thirty States of the Union on Uniform State Laws meet annually to consider proposed measures of uniformity on commercial law and other subjects on which uniformity has been considered desirable. The most important bill proposed by the conference is the one on which we now report. It is a careful revision and adaptation of the English bills of exchange act of 1882, which is now the law of every English speaking country in the world except our own.

"At the National conference of the Commissioners on Uniform Legislation held at Detroit in August, 1895, a resolution was passed instructing the committee on commercial law to prepare a draft of a bill on negotiable paper.

"In 1896 the committee on commercial law caused to be drafted an Americanized form of the English bills of exchange act. This was done by Mr. John J. Crawford, of the New York city bar, who has made this branch of the law a specialty. The first draft was published with notes and references, and along with the English act. This draft was sent to all the Commissioners on Uniform Laws and to many of the authors and experts on that subject, inviting criticisms and suggestions. After receiving such criticisms and suggestions, the committee on commercial law went over the act now entitled 'A general act relating to negotiable instruments' carefully with its author, and the bill, as so revised, was presented to the conference in 1896. The conference spent several days in consideration, going through it carefully, section by section, and making some slight changes in its phraseology. The act, as so prepared and perfected, was recommended for adoption in the several States. The author and some of the revisors of the English act have expressed the highest commendation of the work of Mr. Crawford and in no way more so than in saying that the features of their act which were recommended by the draftors and first revisors, and rejected by the over-conservative Parliament—such as the abolition of days of grace—had been adopted by Mr. Crawford. The production of a single mind, however learned and skilled, may well be regarded with distrust, but the product of scores of lawyers of Great Britain, best qualified to know the law on the subject, tested by fourteen years of successful experience, and revised by commissioners from thirty States in this country, by the experts who had written on the topic, may surely inspire the confidence that the work is thoroughly done.

"Then, too, while the bill is simple and intelligible in its expression, great care is taken to preserve the use of words which have had repeated legal constructions and become recognized terms of the law merchant. All the fundamental principles and essential definitions of the law on commercial paper—the law, in short, of some ten thousand reported cases—are, in substance, condensed into 36 pages. The disputed points and variant laws, whose discussion occupies so large a share of two and three volume treatises on the subject, are decided and harmonized. This de-

cision in harmony is not the dictum or opinion of one man or one body of men or one state or one country. The English bill originally drafted by Judge Chalmers, passed by the committees of both Houses of Parliament, adopted by all of its self-governing colonies, has had the test of fifteen years experience, and the testimony is all one way as to its worth and efficiency.

"This bill has become law in New York, Colorado, Florida and Connecticut, and has been favorably recommended by the Governor of Massachusetts and the Supreme Court of South Carolina. The act speaks for itself. It settles a great number of vexed questions, harmonizes a great number of discordant decisions and variant statutes, and is phrased with such care and felicity of expression that it makes it unnecessary to refer to the many laudatory comments upon it by various law journals of the country.

"It has been recommended by the boards of trade and chambers of commerce wherever their attention has been called to it. It was introduced to your committee of the local council of the American Bar Association in the District of Columbia, with their full endorsements."

This act will undoubtedly be very generally adopted by the legislatures that hold sessions this year.

The provisions of the statutes and the decisions of the courts of the several states upon many points as to negotiable instruments are so diverse that the early adoption of a uniform law by the states would be of great value to the business of the country.

The commissioners submit herewith a copy of the bill formulated by the conference, and recommend its passage by the legislature of this State.

Respectfully submitted,
S. M. CUTCHEON.

(Signed)

On motion of Mr. Cheever,

The Clerk was instructed to have one thousand copies of the report printed in pamphlet form for the use of the House.

Mr. Gillam moved that the House adjourn.

Which motion prevailed, and

The Speaker declared the House adjourned until 9 o'clock p. m., on Monday next.

{ REPRESENTATIVE HALL, LANSING,
Monday, March 6, 1899.

The House met pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by Rev. Father Brancheau.

Roll called: quorum present.

Absent without leave: Messrs. Burch, Dickinson, Foster, Hofmeister, Keep, Schmidt, Soper, Stewart, Waterbury and Weter.

On motion of Mr. Pearson,

Leave of absence was granted to all absentees for the day.

BILLS PRESENTED TO THE GOVERNOR.

By the Clerk:

I have to report that I have this day enrolled, compared and presented to the Governor,

House bill No. 283, entitled

An act to incorporate the public schools of the township of Matchwood, in the county of Ontonagon.

In accordance with the rules and order of the House: the receipt for the same being dated 3:08 o'clock P. M., March 6, 1899.

LEWIS M. MILLER,

Clerk of the House.

By the Clerk:

I have to report that I have this day enrolled, compared and presented to the Governor,

House bill No. 414, entitled

An act authorizing the supervisors of Wayne county to hold a special meeting in February or March, in the year 1899, to consider and determine the necessity of borrowing money on the faith and credit of said county of Wayne, for the purpose of fully completing the court house of said county and furnishing the same throughout, and to provide for submitting the question of raising by loan upon the bonds of said county such sums of money as they may deem necessary therefor, not to exceed the sum of \$800,000, to the vote of the electors of said county; and providing notice of such special meeting of said supervisors, and the mode of submitting the question of said loan to the vote of the electors of said county.

In accordance with the rules and order of the House: the receipt for the same being dated 3:09 o'clock P. M., March 6, 1899.

LEWIS M. MILLER,

Clerk of the House.

By the Clerk:

I have to report that I have this day enrolled, compared and presented to the Governor,

Concurrent resolution, favoring the granting of a service pension.

In accordance with the rules and order of the House: the receipt for the same being dated 3:08 o'clock P. M., March 6, 1899.

LEWIS M. MILLER,

Clerk of the House.

By the Clerk:

I have to report that I have this day enrolled, compared and presented to the Governor,

House bill No. 380, entitled

An act to establish the office of assistant treasurer for the county of Muskegon; naming his powers and duties and fixing the salary thereof.

In accordance with the rules and order of the House: the receipt for the same being dated 1:19 o'clock P. M., March 3, 1899.

LEWIS M. MILLER,

Clerk of the House.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS.

No. 129. By Mr. Davis: Petition of F. B. Fisher and 33 others, asking that the bounties for beet sugar manufacture be retained.

Referred to the committee on State Affairs.

No. 130. By mail to the Clerk: Petition of 100 coal miners of Sebewaing, asking legislation as to the manner of weighing coal.

Referred to the committee on Mines and Minerals.

No. 131. By Mr. Davis: Petition of Geo. Van Vranken and 40 others, citizens of Kalamazoo county, asking that the beet sugar laws be strengthened.

Referred to the committee on State Affairs.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

By the committee on Judiciary:

The committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 221, entitled

A bill to amend sections 2 and 9 of act 186 of the public acts of 1897, entitled "An act defining the limits of the judicial circuits of the State of Michigan," and to add a new section thereto.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, without amendment and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

HENRY M. CHEEVER,

Acting Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

Pending the order that the bill be printed, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Mr. Van Camp moved that the rules be suspended and that the bill be put upon its immediate passage.

Pending which,

Mr. Wood moved that the further consideration of the bill be made the special order for 2:30 o'clock, tomorrow afternoon.

Which was withdrawn.

Mr. Gustin then moved that the further consideration of the bill be made the special order for Wednesday next, at 2:30 o'clock p. m.

Pending which,

On motion of Mr. Dingley,

The House took a recess for ten minutes.

AFTER RECESS.

The House was called to order by the Speaker.

The pending question being a motion that the further consideration of the bill be made the special order for Wednesday at 2:30 o'clock p. m.

The motion did not prevail.

The question then being on the suspension of the rules, and the immediate consideration of the bill,

The motion did not then prevail, two-thirds of the members present not voting therefor.

On motion of Mr. Chamberlain,

The bill was made the special order for this evening.

By the committee on Private Corporations:

The committee on Private Corporations, to whom was referred
House bill No. 277, entitled

A bill to amend act No. 48 of the public acts of 1897, entitled "An act to provide for the encouragement of the manufacture of beet sugar, and to provide a compensation therefor, and to make an appropriation therefor."

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to request of the House that 1,000 copies of the bill be printed for the use of the committee.

L. H. McCALL,
Chairman.

Report accepted.

The question being on ordering 1,000 copies of the bill printed for the use of the committee.

The House so ordered.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR.

The Speaker announced the following:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Lansing, March 3, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I have this day approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State,

Concurrent resolution asking for the naming of a battleship after the State of Michigan.

Respectfully,
H. S. PINGREE,
Governor.

The message was ordered spread on the Journal.

The Speaker also announced the following:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Lansing, March 2, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I have this day approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State,

House bill No. 398, being

An act to provide for the submission to the qualified electors of the township of Deerfield, in the county of Isabella, in the State of Michigan, the question of the relief of Alvah D. Weston, treasurer of the township of Deerfield, in the said county, from liability on account of the loss of township funds, occasioned through the failure of the Peoples' Savings Bank of Mt. Pleasant.

Respectfully,
H. S. PINGREE,
Governor.

The message was ordered spread on the Journal.

The Speaker also announced the following:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Lansing, March 2, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I have this day approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State,

House bill No. 77, being

An act for the organization of corporate Methodist Episcopal churches.

Respectfully,

H. S. PINGREE,
Governor.

The message was ordered spread on the Journal.

The Speaker also announced the following:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Lansing, March 2, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I have this day approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State,

House bill No. 399, being

An act to provide for the submission to the qualified electors of the township of Nottawa, in the county of Isabella, in the State of Michigan, the question of the relief of Charles A. Hibbreln, treasurer of the township of Nottawa, in said county, from liability on account of the loss of township funds through the failure of the Peoples' Savings Bank of Mt. Pleasant.

Respectfully,

H. S. PINGREE,
Governor.

The message was ordered spread on the Journal.

The Speaker also announced the following:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Lansing, March 2, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I have this day approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State,

House bill No. 397, being

An act to provide for the submission to the qualified electors of the township of Broomfield, in the county of Isabella, State of Michigan, the question of the relief of Henry D. Wright, treasurer of the township of Broomfield, in said county, from liability on account of the loss of township funds, occasioned through the failure of the Peoples' Savings Bank of Mt. Pleasant.

Respectfully,

H. S. PINGREE,
Governor.

The message was ordered spread on the Journal.

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.

The Speaker announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, March 3, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House the following bill:

House bill No. 622, entitled

A bill prescribing the manner in which the city of Ionia may be incorporated under and be subject to the provisions of act No. 215 of the public acts of 1895, of the State of Michigan, entitled "An act to provide for the incorporation of cities of the fourth class."

In the passage of which the Senate has concurred by a majority vote of all the Senators elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect has ordered the same to take immediate effect.

Very respectfully,

CHARLES S. PIERCE,
Secretary of the Senate.

The bill was referred for enrollment and presentation to the Governor, under the rules.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, March 3, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House of the following bill:

House bill No. 373, entitled

A bill to authorize the common council of the city of Pontiac to provide that all the moneys collected in said city, under the provisions of act 198 of the session laws of 1877, as amended by act 179 of the session laws of 1895, in excess of the amounts required under the provisions of said act, to be paid to satisfy losses caused by the killing or injuring of sheep by dogs, may be used for the support and maintenance of a certain library in said city.

In the passage of which the Senate has concurred by a majority vote of all the Senators elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect has ordered the same to take immediate effect.

Very respectfully,

CHARLES S. PIERCE,
Secretary of the Senate.

The bill was referred for enrollment and presentation to the Governor, under the rules.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, March 3, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House the following bill:

House bill No. 708, entitled

A bill to provide for the submission to the qualified electors of the county of Montcalm, in the State of Michigan, the question of the relief of George Douglass, ex-treasurer of said county, from liability on account of the loss of county funds occasioned through the failure of the City National Bank of the city of Greenville, Michigan, and the bank of C. W. Chapin & Company of the city of Stanton, Michigan.

In the passage of which the Senate has concurred by a majority vote of all the Senators elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect has ordered the same to take immediate effect.

Very respectfully,

CHARLES S. PIERCE,
Secretary of the Senate.

The bill was referred for enrollment and presentation to the Governor, under the rules.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER.
Lansing, March 3, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House the following bill:

House bill No. 89 (file No. 12), entitled

A bill to amend section 4 of act No. 129 of the public acts of 1893, entitled "An act for the organization of telephone and messenger service companies," approved May 31, 1883, the same being section 6691 of the compiled laws of 1897.

In the passage of which the Senate has concurred by a majority vote of all the Senators elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect has ordered the same to take immediate effect.

Very respectfully,

CHARLES S. PIERCE,
Secretary of the Senate.

The bill was referred for enrollment and presentation to the Governor, under the rules.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER.
Lansing, March 3, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House the following bill:

House bill No. 296, entitled

A bill to confer power and authority upon the common council of the village of Harbor Springs to extend the electric light plant of said village beyond its corporate limits, so as to light the Roaring Brook, Weque-ton-sing, Harbor Point, Emmet Beach and Idlewild summer resorts, and to purchase and acquire property and to erect all proper and necessary structures in connection therewith. Also to have the power to fix the just and equitable rates as may be deemed advisable for supplying the inhabitants of said resorts with lights.

In the passage of which the Senate has concurred by a majority vote of all the Senators elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect has ordered the same to take immediate effect.

Very respectfully,

CHARLES S. PIERCE,

Secretary of the Senate.

The bill was referred for enrollment and presentation to the Governor, under the rules.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, March 3, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed by the Senate to transmit to the House the following bill:

Senate bill No. 187, entitled

A bill providing for changing the name of the Michigan Asylum for Dangerous and Criminal Insane at Ionia.

Which has passed the Senate by a majority vote of all the Senators elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect has been ordered to take immediate effect, and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

CHARLES S. PIERCE,

Secretary of the Senate.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Dangerous and Criminal Insane.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, March 3, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed by the Senate to transmit to the House the following bill:

Senate bill No. 484, entitled

A bill to authorize the township board of the township of Rockland, in Ontonagon county, to borrow money, to be used in building a bridge across Ontonagon river, in said township, and to build and repair a township highway from the village of Rockland, in said township, to the Victoria mine in said township and to issue bonds therefor.

Which has passed the Senate by a majority vote of all the Senators elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect has been ordered to take immediate effect, and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

CHARLES S. PIERCE,

Secretary of the Senate.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Local Taxation.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, March 3, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed by the Senate to transmit to the House the following bill:

Senate bill No. 46, entitled

A bill to authorize the Barry County Agricultural Society to dispose of certain property and invest its proceeds.

Which has passed the Senate by a majority vote of all the Senators elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect has been ordered to take immediate effect, and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,
CHARLES S. PIERCE,
Secretary of the Senate.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Towns and Counties.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, March 2, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed by the Senate to transmit to the House the following concurrent resolution:

Whereas, The Republic of France has lately been deprived by death of its honored and beloved president, M. Faure; and

Whereas, This sudden call coming to the president of the French Republic has filed the hearts of his countrymen with sorrow; and

Whereas The early history of this State is so intimately connected with the French nation that such a mark of respect seems eminently fitting; therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House concurring), That the people of the State of Michigan make manifest their sympathy with the French people in their sad bereavement; be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the new president of the French Republic, through its duly accredited consular officer at Detroit, and that a copy of said resolutions be spread on the records of the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Michigan.

Which has been adopted by the Senate, and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,
CHARLES S. PIERCE,
Secretary of the Senate.

The question being on concurring in the adoption of the resolution,
The resolution was adopted.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, February 26, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed by the Senate to transmit to the House the following concurrent resolution:

Whereas, By virtue of act No. 48 of the public acts of 1897, the people of the State pledged their faith to pay a bounty upon sugar manufactured from beets for a period of seven years, under certain conditions and limitations, for the purpose of encouraging the raising of sugar beets and the investment of capital in the production of sugar; and

Whereas, A beet sugar factory has already been put in operation at Bay City and in many other parts of the State similar organizations are being formed; and

Whereas, It has been shown conclusively that the production of beet sugar on a commercial basis in this State is no longer a mere possibility, but a demonstrated fact; and

Whereas, The raising of sugar beets promises to open to the farmers a new and profitable industry; and

Whereas, The agitation of the repeal or reduction of the aforesaid bounty has already made capital timid and is now checking the progress of this most desirable industry; therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House concurring), That it is the sense of the Legislature that no change be made in the existing bounty upon beet sugar manufactured within this State during the present session of the Legislature.

Which has been adopted by the Senate, and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

CHARLES S. PIERCE,

Secretary of the Senate.

The question being on concurring in the adoption of the resolution,

Mr. Howell moved that the resolution be referred to the committee on State Affairs.

Mr. Kelly moved to amend the motion by making the reference to the committee on State Affairs and Private Corporations, jointly.

Which motion prevailed.

The motion as amended then prevailed, and the resolution was so referred.

On motion of Mr. Gillam,

The House adjourned until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

{ REPRESENTATIVE HALL, LANSING,
Tuesday, March 7, 1899.

The House met pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Brancheau.

Roll called: quorum present.

Absent without leave: Messrs. Dickinson, Heineman, Kelly, Kerr, Soper, Stewart and Waterbury.

On motion of Mr. Colvin,

Leave of absence was granted to all absentees for the day.

BILLS PRESENTED TO THE GOVERNOR.

By the Clerk:

I have to report that I have this day enrolled, compared and presented to the Governor,

House bill No. 117, entitled

An act to provide for the relief of sick, disabled and needy ex-soldiers, sailors and marines of the late Spanish-American war.

In accordance with the rules and order of the House: the receipt for the same being dated 10:09 o'clock a. m., March 7, 1899.

LEWIS M. MILLER,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

By the Clerk:

I have to report that I have this day enrolled, compared and presented to the Governor,

House bill No. 282, entitled

An act to vacate the village of Ewen, in the county of Ontonagon.

In accordance with the rules and order of the House: the receipt for the same being dated 10:09 o'clock a. m., March 7, 1899.

LEWIS M. MILLER,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

By the Clerk:

I have to report that I have this day enrolled, compared and presented to the Governor,

House bill No. 614, entitled

An act to provide a probate register for Berrien county, and to fix his compensation.

In accordance with the rules and order of the House: the receipt for the same being dated 10:09 o'clock a. m., March 7, 1899.

LEWIS M. MILLER.

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

By the Clerk:

I have to report that I have this day enrolled, compared and presented to the Governor,

House bill No. 199, entitled

An act to legalize certain bonds issued by the city of Gladstone for the construction of water works.

In accordance with the rules and order of the House: the receipt for the same being dated 10:09 o'clock a. m., March 7, 1899.

LEWIS M. MILLER.

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

By the Clerk:

I have to report that I have this day enrolled, compared and presented to the Governor,

House bill No. 4 (file No. 9), entitled

An act to legalize certain bonds of the township of Brooks, in Newaygo county.

In accordance with the rules and order of the House: the receipt for the same being dated 10:08 o'clock a. m., March 7, 1899.

LEWIS M. MILLER.

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

By the Clerk:

I have to report that I have this day enrolled, compared and presented to the Governor,

House bill No. 198, entitled

An act to authorize the city of Gladstone, in the county of Delta, to raise money to redeem or refund bonds to the amount of \$35,000 issued for the construction of water works.

In accordance with the rules and order of the House: the receipt for the same being dated 10:09 o'clock a. m., March 7, 1899.

LEWIS M. MILLER,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS.

No. 132. By Mr. Robinson: Petition of Geo. C. Hall and others, citizens of Cass county, protesting against the proposition to create a new judicial circuit.

Referred to the committee on Judiciary.

No. 133. By Mr. Robinson: Petition of C. M. Eby and others, citizens of Cass county, protesting against the proposition to create a new judicial circuit.

Referred to the committee on Judiciary.

No. 134. By Mr. Robinson: Certified resolution passed by the Democratic County Convention, held in Cassopolis, March 1, 1899, against the bill to create a new judicial circuit.

Referred to the committee on Judiciary.

No. 135. By Mr. Phillips: Remonstrances of 498 citizens of Van Buren county against the bill to divide the 2nd and 9th judicial circuits as proposed by Senate bill No. 221.

Referred to the committee on Judiciary.

No. 136. By Mr. Phillips: Petition of W. C. Mosier and Chas. Delamere, citizens of Van Buren county, in favor of the bill to divide the 2nd and 9th judicial circuits as proposed by Senate bill No. 221.

Referred to the committee on Judiciary.

No. 137. By Mr. Robinson: Petition of F. W. Robinson and 44 others, of Ganges, Allegan county, for the passage of the county salary bill.

Referred to the committee on Towns and Counties.

No. 138. By Mr. Gillette: Remonstrance of Thos. Mars and 111 others, opposed to making a judicial circuit of Berrien county.

Referred to the committee on Judiciary.

No. 139. By Mr. Gillette: Petition of S. M. Clauson and 20 others, relative to judicial circuit in Berrien county.

Referred to the committee on Judiciary.

No. 140. By Mr. Wheeler: Petition of Thos. Wilkinson and others, asking for changes in the statutes relative to garnishment proceedings.

Referred to the committee on Judiciary.

No. 141. By Mr. Murphy: Preamble and resolutions of Fremont Center Grange, relative to pending questions of legislation.

On demand of Mr. Murphy,

The resolutions were read at length and spread at large on the Journal, as follows:

Whereas, At a recent session of the Michigan State Grange there were assembled over one hundred regularly selected representatives of the hundreds of local Granges of Michigan, with their many thousands of farmer members, and resolutions were passed very urgently asking the Legislature:

To take such action as will do away with specific taxes, as based upon earnings, and to place all classes of taxable property under the same general rule of assessment upon real cash values, and in general to provide for a proportionately equal system of assessing and collecting taxes for the public support.

To re-enact the "Anti-Color" law, regulating the manufacture and sale of oleomargarine in the State, and to make the necessary appropriation for its enforcement.

To investigate so called "Process Butter," to ascertain whether or not it is a cover under which oleo may be used in evasion of the law, and if so to place it under proper legal restrictions.

To enact into law the "Kimmis" County Salaries bill, thus doing away with the fee system of paying county officials.

To give adequate support to the Agricultural College, including an appropriation sufficient for a Woman's dormitory, to accommodate one hundred and fifty students, and a dairy building of suitable dimensions and equipment to answer the demands of this important State interest, and the hundreds of operators in the cheese and butter factories of the State, in solving the many intricate and scientific problems that confront them.

To make appropriations for farmers' institutes and the traveling library system, as their great educational and growing importance demands.

To oppose any measure contemplating the establishment in whole, or in part, the Township Unit School System; therefore

Resolved, That we, the Fremont Center Grange No. 654, respectfully petition the Legislature of our State to hear our prayers in reference to these matters, as considered and passed upon by the State Grange.

We take this emphatic method of making our wishes known, instead of sending in petitions with long lists of names, to show you that our conclusions are the result of careful study, discussion, and mature deliberation, instead of an off-hand, thoughtless signing of names, at some one person's solicitation.

Again we appeal to you, as our representatives, to concur in each of the above earnest requests.

G. W. GARDNER,

Master.

WM. J. MANNS,

Secretary.

Referred to the committee on State Affairs.

No. 142. By Mr. Burdick: Petition of Valentine Grange No. 738, asking for the re-enactment of the anti-color law.

Referred to the committee on State Affairs.

No. 143. By Mr. Burdick: Petition of Peninsular Grange No. 706, against the colored-oleo law.

Referred to the committee on State Affairs.

No. 144. By Mr. Woodruff: Petition of John W. Hance and fifteen others, of Isabella county, in regard to the beet sugar bounty law.

Referred to the committees on Private Corporations and State Affairs.

No. 145. By Mr. Dingley: Petition of residents of Kalamazoo county in favor of the bill to create a judicial circuit in Berrien county, etc.

Referred to the committee on Judiciary.

No. 146. By Mr. Dingley: Petition of residents of Kalamazoo county in favor of the bill to create a new judicial circuit of Kalamazoo county.

Referred to the committee on Judiciary.

No. 147. By Mr. Dingley: Petition of Kalamazoo county supervisors in favor of the bill to create a new judicial circuit of Kalamazoo county.

Referred to the committee on Judiciary.

No. 148. By Mr. Dingley: Resolution of the Kalamazoo county bar, in favor of creating a new judicial circuit of Kalamazoo county.

Referred to the committee on Judiciary.

No. 149. By Mr. Dingley: Resolutions passed by the Kalamazoo board of supervisors in favor of creating a judicial circuit of Kalamazoo county.

Referred to the committee on Judiciary.

No. 150. By Mr. Babcock: Petition of Quincy Grange No. 152, relative to the "anti-color" law, etc.

Referred to the committee on State Affairs.

No. 151. By Mr. Van Camp: Petition of Berrien county citizens asking for the passage of the bill creating separate judicial circuits of Kalamazoo and Berrien counties.

Referred to the committee on Judiciary.

No. 152. By Mr. Van Camp: Petition of 58 citizens of Niles, Berrien county, asking for the passage of the bill creating separate judicial circuits of Kalamazoo and Berrien counties.

Referred to the committee on Judiciary.

No. 153. By Mr. Van Camp: Petition of 96 citizens of Benton Harbor, Berrien county, asking for the passage of the bill creating separate judicial circuits of Kalamazoo and Berrien counties.

Referred to the committee on Judiciary.

No. 154. By Mr. Van Camp: Petition of 56 citizens of St. Joseph, Berrien county, in favor of the bill creating separate judicial circuits of Kalamazoo and Berrien counties.

Referred to the committee on Judiciary.

No. 155. By Mr. Howell: Petition from Grange No. 750, relative to county salary and anti-color laws.

Referred to the committee on Towns and Counties.

No. 156. By Mr. McKay: Petition of J. D. Crosby and others of Cass City, Tuscola county, asking for the passage of the law to repeal the close season in commercial fishing.

Referred to the committee on Fisheries and Game.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

By the committee on City Corporations:

The committee on City Corporations, to whom was referred

House bill No. 190, entitled

A bill to confer upon the city of Grand Rapids local legislative and

administrative powers and to repeal all acts and parts of acts in conflict therewith.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration and have directed me to request of the House that the bill be printed for the use of the committee.

P. HERRIG,
Chairman.

Report accepted.

The question being on ordering the bill printed for the use of the committee,

The House so ordered.

By the committee on City Corporations:

The committee on City Corporations, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 65 (file No. 29), entitled

A bill to amend section 5 of chapter 6, to amend and renumber sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 of subdivision "City Clerk" of chapter 7, to amend section 6 of chapter 27 of act No. 321 of the local acts of 1893, entitled "An act to reincorporate the city of Gladstone, in the county of Delta, and to repeal all acts or parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act," approved March 27, 1893, as amended by the several acts amendatory thereof.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, without amendment and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

PETER HERRIG,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

Pending the order that the bill be printed, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order,

On motion of Mr. McCallum,

The rules were suspended, two-thirds of all the members present voting therefor, and the bill was put upon its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Alward	Mr. Goodrich	Mr. Murphy
Anderson	Goodyear	Nash
Babcock	Gray	Nevins
Baumgartner	Gustin	Niedermeier
Brownell	Hall	Oberdorffer
Bryan	Hammond	Phillips
Burch	Handy	Randall
Buskirk	Hatzenbuhler	Read, J. H.
Burfoot	Heck	Reed, W. A.
Buskirk	Heineman	Robinson
Caldwell	Hofmeister	Schmidt
Carton	Howell	Scully
Chamberlain	Keep	Shisler
Cheever	Kingott	Stumpfenhusen
Collins	Lafamboy	Sutherland
Colvin	Locher	Taziman

Mr. Davis	Mr. Lugers	Mr. Van Camp
Dingley	Lusk	Watters
Doyle	McCallum	Wayne
Dudley	McKay	Wells
Gillam	McLean	Weter
Eikhoff	McLeod	Wing
Foster	Mason	Wood
Duff	Miller	Woodruff
Goodell	Moore	Speaker
Gillette	Murdoch	

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. McCallum,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

By the committee on Local Taxation:

The committee on Local Taxation, to whom was referred
Senate bill No. 484, entitled

A bill to authorize the township board of the township of Rockland, in Ontonagon county, to borrow money to be used in building a bridge across Ontonagon river in said township, etc., and issue bonds therefor.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, without amendment and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

R. ALWARD,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

Pending the order that the bill be printed, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order,

On motion of Mr. Chamberlain,

The rules were suspended, two-thirds of all the members present voting therefor, and the bill was put upon its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Alward	Mr. Gustin	Mr. Nash
Anderson	Hall	Nevins
Babcock	Hammond	Niedermeier
Brownell	Handy	Oberdorffer
Bryan	Hart	Phillips
Burch	Hatzenbuehler	Randall
Burdick	Heck	Read, J. H.
Burfoot	Heineman	Reed, W. A.
Buskirk	Hofmeister	Robinson
Caldwell	Howell	Schmidt
Carton	Keep	Scully
Chamberlain	Kerr	Shisler

Mr. Cheever	Mr. Kingott	Mr. Stumpfenhusen
Colby	Laflamboy	Sutherland
Collins	Locher	Taziman
Colvin	Lugers	Van Camp
Dingley	Lusk	Watters
Doyle	McCallum	Wayne
Duff	McKay	Weier
Eikhoff	McLean	Wells
Foster	McLeod	Weter
Gillam	Mason	Wheeler
Gillette	Miller	Wing
Goodell	Moore	Wood
Goodrich	Murdoch	Woodruff
Goodyear	Murphy	Speaker
Gray		

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Chamberlain,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

By the committee on Home for Feeble Minded and Epileptic:

The committee on Home for Feeble Minded and Epileptic, to whom was referred

House bill No. 332, entitled

A bill making an appropriation for a deficiency in the current expenses of the Michigan Home for the Feeble Minded and Epileptic occurring in the year 1897.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, without amendment and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

E. W. WOODRUFF,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

Pending the order that the bill be referred to the committee on Ways and Means, under the rules,

Mr. Brownell moved that the rules be suspended, and that the bill be put upon its immediate passage.

Which motion did not prevail, two-thirds of all the members present not voting therefor.

The bill was then referred to the committee on Ways and Means, under the rules.

By the committee on Education:

The committee on Education, to whom was referred

House bill No. 1078, entitled

A bill to consolidate school district No. 18, fractional, of the city and township of Niles, in the county of Berrien, and State of Michigan, with graded school district No. 1, of said city and township.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, without

amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

J. W. SHISLER,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

Pending the order that the bill be printed, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order,

On motion of Mr. Gillette,

The rules were suspended, two-thirds of all the members present voting therefor, and the bill was put upon its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Alward	Mr. Hall	Mr. Nash
Babcock	Hammond	Nevins
Baumgartner	Handy	Niedermeier
Brownell	Hart	Oberdorffer
Bryan	Hatzenbuehler	Pearson
Burfoot	Heck	Phillips
Buskirk	Heineman	Read, J. H.
Caldwell	Herrig	Reed, G. W.
Carton	Hofmeister	Reed, W. A.
Chamberlain	Howell	Robinson,
Cheever	Keep	Rulison
Colby	Kelly	Schmidt
Collins	Kerr	Shisler
Crosby	Kingott	Stumpenhusen
Davis	Laflamboy	Sutherland
Dingley	Locher	Taziman
Doyle	Lugers	Van Camp
Dudley	Lusk	Watters
Duff	McCall	Wayne
Eikhoff	McCallum	Wells
Fleischhauer	McKay	Weter
Foster	McLean	Wheeler
Gillam	McLeod	Whitney
Gillette	Mason	Wing
Goodell	Miller	Wood
Goodrich	Moore	Woodruff
Goodyear	Murdoch	Speaker
Gray	Murphy	

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Gillette,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take effect August 1, 1899.

By the committee on Education:

The committee on Education, to whom was referred

House bill No. 290, entitled

A bill to amend section 1 of act No. 396 of the local acts of Michigan, 1895, entitled "An act to provide for the organization of a fractional school district in the townships of Brady and Chesaning, in the county of Saginaw, and in the townships of New Haven and Rush, in the county of Shiawassee, State of Michigan, to be known as the Oakley public school district."

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

J. W. SHISLER,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on Education:

The committee on Education, to whom was referred
House bill No. 227, entitled

A bill to amend act 119, public acts of 1891, relative to the introduction of the kindergarten in the public schools of the State.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

J. W. SHISLER,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

Pending the order that the bill be printed, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order,

Mr. Burfoot moved that the rules be suspended, and that the bill be put upon its immediate passage.

Which motion did not prevail, two-thirds of all the members present not voting therefor.

The bill was then ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on Geological Survey:

The committee on Geological Survey, to whom was referred
House bill No. 122, entitled

A bill making an appropriation for the printing of certain reports and maps under the direction of the State Board of Geological Survey.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, with the accompanying substitute therefor, entitled

A bill making an appropriation for the printing of certain reports and maps under the direction of the State Board of Geological Survey.

Recommending that the substitute be concurred in, and that the substitute do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

FRANK C. WELLS,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The question being on concurring in the substitute reported for the bill, by the committee,

The House concurred.

The bill was then referred to the committee on Ways and Means, under the rules.

By the committee on Village Corporations:

The committee on Village Corporations, to whom was referred

House bill No. 48, entitled

A bill to amend section 4 of chapter 7 of act No. 3 of the public acts of 1895, entitled "An act to provide for the incorporation of villages within the State of Michigan, and defining their powers and duties," being section 2772 of the compiled laws of 1897.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, with the accompanying substitute therefor, entitled

A bill to amend section 4 of chapter 7 of act No. 3 of the session laws of 1895, entitled "An act to provide for the incorporation of villages within the State of Michigan and defining their powers and duties," being section 2772 of the compiled laws of 1897.

Recommending that the substitute be concurred in, and that the substitute do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

G. W. REED,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The question being on concurring in the substitute reported for the bill, by the committee,

The House concurred.

The bill was then ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on Village Corporations:

The committee on Village Corporations, to whom was referred

House bill No. 180, entitled

A bill to amend an act entitled "An act to provide for the incorporation of villages in the State of Michigan, and defining their powers and duties."

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

G. W. REED,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on Railroads:

The committee on Railroads, to whom was referred

House bill No. 564, entitled

A bill to amend an act entitled "An act to provide punishment for getting on board railroad trains when in motion," approved April 18, 1883.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration,

and have directed me to report the same back to the House, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

A. M. FLEISCHHAUER,

Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.

The Speaker announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, March 6, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House the following concurrent resolution:

Resolved by the House (the Senate concurring), That the Secretary of State be, and he is hereby instructed to prepare and transmit a copy of the act of this session entitled "An act to provide for the relief of sick, disabled and needy ex-soldiers, sailors and marines of the late Spanish-American War" to each member of the several county relief boards in the State, as constituted by said act.

Which has been adopted by the House, and in which the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully asked.

In the adoption of which the Senate has concurred.

Very respectfully,

CHARLES S. PIERCE,

Secretary of the Senate.

The resolution was referred for enrollment and presentation to the Governor, under the rules.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, March 6, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House the following bill:

House bill No. 916, entitled

A bill to allow the village of Capac, in the county of St. Clair and State of Michigan, to borrow money and issue bonds in the sum of not exceeding 12 per cent of the assessed valuation of said village, as shown by the last preceding tax roll, to be used exclusively for the purpose of purchasing, constructing and maintaining water works, as provided in act No. 3 of the session laws of 1895.

In the passage of which the Senate has concurred by a majority vote of all the Senators elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect has ordered the same to take immediate effect.

Very respectfully,

CHARLES S. PIERCE,

Secretary of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Kingott,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

The bill was referred for enrollment and presentation to the Governor, under the rules.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, March 6, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House the following bill:

House bill No. 734, entitled

A bill to change the boundaries of school district numbers 1 and 3 in the township of Huron, county of Isabella, and State of Michigan.

In the passage of which the Senate has concurred by a majority vote of all the Senators elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect has ordered the same to take immediate effect.

Very respectfully,

CHARLES S. PIERCE,
Secretary of the Senate.

The bill was referred for enrollment and presentation to the Governor, under the rules.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, March 6, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House the following bill:

House bill No. 66, entitled

A bill to authorize school district No. 1 of the township of Portage, in the county of Houghton, to borrow money and issue bonds therefor, for the erection and furnishing of a school building in said district.

In the passage of which the Senate has concurred by a majority vote of all the Senators elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect has ordered the same to take immediate effect.

Very respectfully,

CHARLES S. PIERCE,
Secretary of the Senate.

The bill was referred for enrollment and presentation to the Governor, under the rules.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, March 6, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed by the Senate to transmit to the House the following bill:

Senate bill No. 314, entitled

A bill to prohibit the taking, catching or destruction of brook trout and other fish in the Russell creek and tributaries thereof, on sections

18, 19 and 20, and the southwest quarter of section 17, in the township of Hart, Oceana county, Michigan.

Which has passed the Senate by a majority vote of all the Senators elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect has been ordered to take immediate effect, and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

CHARLES S. PIERCE,
Secretary of the Senate.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Randall,

The rules were suspended, two-thirds of all the members present voting therefor, and the bill was put upon its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Anderson	Mr. Hart	Mr. Nevins
Babcock	Hatzenbuehler	Niedermeier
Baumgaertner	Heineman	Oberdorffer
Brownell	Herrig	Pearson
Burdick	Hofmeister	Phillips
Burfoot	Howell	Randall
Buskirk	Keep	Read, J. H.
Caldwell	Kelly	Reed, W. A.
Carton	Kerr	Robinson
Chamberlain	Kingott	Rulison
Chandler	Laflamboy	Shisler
Cheever	Locher	Soper
Dingley	Lugers	Stumpenhusen
Doyle	Lusk	Sutherland
Dudley	McCall	Van Camp
Duff	McCallum	Watters
Fleischhauer	McKay	Weier
Gillam	McLean	Wells
Gillette	McLeod	Weter
Goodell	Mason	Wheeler
Goodrich	Miller	Whitney
Goodyear	Moore	Wing
Gray	Murdoch	Wood
Gustin	Murphy	Woodruff
Hammond	Nash	Speaker
Handy		

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Randall,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, March 6, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed by the Senate to transmit to the House the following bill:

Senate bill No. 48, entitled

A bill to prohibit the taking or catching of fish in Gun lake, in the counties of Barry and Allegan, by means of spears, nets, set lines, or night lines, snares, artificial lights, or explosive substances, and to prohibit the taking or catching of fish in any way except during certain seasons of the year, and to repeal all acts or parts of acts inconsistent therewith.

Which has passed the Senate by a majority vote of all the Senators elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect has been ordered to take immediate effect, and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,
CHARLES S. PIERCE,
Secretary of the Senate.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Fisheries and Game.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, March 6, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed by the Senate to transmit to the House the following bill:

Senate bill No. 246, entitled

A bill to repeal act No. 286 of the public acts of 1897, entitled "An act to permit the spearing of whitefish and herring in Portage and Little Portage lakes, in the counties of Livingston and Washtenaw, in the State of Michigan, at certain seasons of the year."

Which has passed the Senate by a majority vote of all the Senators elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect has been ordered to take immediate effect, and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,
CHARLES S. PIERCE,
Secretary of the Senate.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Fisheries and Game.

THIRD READING OF BILLS.

House joint resolution No. 348 (file No. 36), entitled

Joint resolution to authorize and instruct the Board of State Auditors to examine into, and if they deem it justifiable to allow, the claim of William T. Densmore for injuries sustained by him from a premature discharge of a cannon while engaged in the regular performance of his duty as a member of the Hudson Light Artillery Company, an organized volunteer militia company, organized under the laws of the State of Michigan, at Hudson, Michigan,

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Anderson	Mr. Gray	Mr. Niedermeier
Baumgärtner	Gustin	Oberdorffer
Brownell	Hall	Pearson
Bryan	Hammond	Phillips
Burch	Handy	Randall
Burdick	Hart	Read, J. H.
Burfoot	Hatzenbuehler	Reed, G. W.
Buskirk	Heck	Reed, W. A.
Caldwell	Heineman	Robinson
Carton	Hofmeister	Ruhson
Chandler	Howell	Schmidt
Chamberlain	Keep	Scully
Cheever	Kingott	Shisler
Colby	Laflamboy	Soper
Collins	Locher	Stumpenhusen
Crosby	Lugers	Sutherland
Dingley	Lusk	Taziman
Doyle	McCallum	Van Camp
Dudley	McKay	Watters
Duff	McLean	Weier
Eikhoff	McLeod	Wells
Fleischhauer	Mason	Weter
Foster	Moore	Wheeler
Gillam	Murdoch	Whitney
Gillette	Murphy	Wing
Goodrich	Nash	Wood
Goodyear	Nevins	Speaker
Gordon		

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Hart,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the joint resolution was ordered to take immediate effect.

House bill No. 87 (file No. 39), entitled

A bill to amend section 47 of act No. 206 of the public acts of 1893, being "An act to provide for the assessment of property, and the levy and collection of taxes thereon, and for the collection of taxes heretofore and hereafter levied; making such taxes a lien on the lands taxed, establishing and continuing such lien, providing for the sale and conveyance of lands delinquent for taxes, and for the inspection and disposition of lands bid off to the State and not redeemed or purchased; and to repeal act No. 200 of the public acts of 1891, and all other acts and parts of acts in anywise contravening any of the provisions of this act."

Was read a third time, and pending the taking of the vote on the passage thereof,

On motion of Mr. Dudley,

The bill was referred to the committee on General Taxation.

Senate bill No. 25 (file No. 3), entitled

A bill to amend section 7 of an act entitled "An act to revise the laws providing for the incorporation of railroad companies, and to regulate the running and management, and to fix the duties and liabilities of all railroad and other corporations owning and operating any railroad in this State," the same being paragraph 3321 of Howell's annotated statutes.

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Anderson	Mr. Gordon	Mr. Nash
Babcock	Gray	Nevins
Baumgaertner	Gustin	Niedermeier
Brownell	Hall	Oberdorffer
Burdick	Hammond	Pearson
Burfoot	Handy	Phillips
Buskirk	Hart	Randall
Caldwell	Hatzenbuehler	Read, J. H.
Carton	Heck	Reed, W. A.
Chamberlain	Heineman	Robinson
Chandler	Herrig	Rulison
Cheever	Hofmeister	Schmidt
Colby	Howell	Scully
Collins	Keep	Shisler
Colvin	Kingott	Soper
Davis	Laflamboy	Stumpenhusen
Dingley	Locher	Sutherland
Doyle	Lugers	Taziman
Dudley	McCallum	Van Camp
Duff	McKay	Weier
Eikhoff	McLean	Wells
Fleischhauer	McLeod	Weter
Foster	Mason	Wheeler
Gillam	Miller	Whitney
Gillette	Moore	Wing
Goodrich	Murdoch	Wood
Goodyear	Murphy	Speaker

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Title agreed to.

House bill No. 16 (file No. 17), entitled

A bill to protect sidewalks and side-paths, and to provide a penalty for its violation.

Was read a third time, and pending the taking of the vote on the passage thereof,

Mr. Goodell moved to amend the bill by striking out in line 1, section 2, the word "negligently."

Which motion did not prevail, two-thirds of all the members present not voting therefor.

The question being on the passage of the bill,

Mr. Fleischhauer moved that the bill be recommitted to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Which motion prevailed, and the bill was recommitted.

Mr. Gillam moved to take from the table,

Senate joint resolution No. 69 (file No. 19), entitled

Joint resolution proposing an amendment to section 22, article 4, of the constitution of this State, relative to furnishing supplies and to the establishment in the city of Lansing of a printing office owned by the State.

Which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Gillam,

The bill was referred to the committee on Printing.

Mr. Wood moved that the House adjourn.

Which motion did not prevail.

On motion of Mr. Van Camp,

The House took a recess until 1:30 o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

2 o'clock p. m.

The House met and was called to order by the Speaker.

Roll called: quorum present.

The Speaker announced the following:

To Hon. E. J. Adams,

Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I hereby tender my resignation as Gallery Janitress of the House of Representatives, to take effect on March 15, 1899.

Dated January 12, 1899.

MRS. ANNA ALEXANDER.

To Hon. E. J. Adams,

Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I hereby tender my resignation as one of the janitors of the House of Representatives, to take effect March 15, 1899.

Dated January 12, 1899.

CHARLES A. LEE.

To Hon. E. J. Adams,

Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I hereby tender my resignation as Floor Messenger, to take effect on March 15, 1899.

Dated January 12, 1899.

ROY S. ORMSBY.

To Hon. E. J. Adams,

Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I hereby tender my resignation as Assistant Keeper of the Cloak Room, to take effect March 15, 1899.

Dated January 12, 1899.

E. W. PARKER.

The Speaker announced the appointment of Mrs. Mary Bowman to be Gallery Janitress to fill vacancy; also

The appointment of Richard Dolcey to be Assistant Cloak Room Keeper, to fill vacancy.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Being the consideration of
Senate bill No. 221, entitled

A bill to amend sections 2 and 9 of act 186 of the public acts of 1897, entitled "An act defining the limits of the judicial circuits of the State of Michigan," and to add a new section thereto.

Which had fallen from an unreachd special order of yesterday.

On motion of Mr. Van Camp,

The House went into committee of the whole, on the unfinished business.

Whereupon the Speaker called Mr. Hammond to the chair.

After some time spent therein, the committee rose, and through their chairman, made the following report:

The Speaker pro tem in the chair.

The committee of the whole have had under consideration the following:

Senate bill No. 221, entitled

A bill to amend sections 2 and 9 of act 186 of the public acts of 1897, entitled "An act defining the limits of the judicial circuits of the State of Michigan," and to add a new section thereto.

Have made no amendments thereto, and have directed their chairman to report the same back to the House, and recommend its passage.

D. J. HAMMOND,

Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

Pending the order that the bill be placed on the order of third reading,

Mr. Van Camp moved that the rules be suspended and the bill be put upon its immediate passage.

Which motion did not prevail.

The Speaker assumed the chair.

The bill was then placed on the order of third reading.

Mr. Kelly moved that the rules be suspended and the order of third reading be taken up.

Which motion did not prevail, two-thirds of all the members present not voting therefor.

GENERAL ORDER.

On motion of Mr. Alward,

The House went into committee of the whole, on the general order.

Whereupon the Speaker called Mr. Hammond to the chair.

After some time spent therein, the committee rose, and through their chairman, made the following report:

The committee of the whole have had under consideration the following:

House bill No. 16 (file No. 17), entitled

A bill to protect sidewalks and side-paths, and to provide a penalty for its violation.

Have made sundry amendments thereto, and have directed their chair-

man to report the same back to the House, asking concurrence therein, and recommend its passage.

D. J. HAMMOND,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was placed on the order of third reading.

On motion of Mr. Heineman,

The House took up the regular order of business.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS.

No. 157. By Mr. Hammond: Petition of Sarah M. B. Fox and 27 others, in favor of bill appointing women members on boards of control of charitable and corrective institutions having girls or women inmates.

Referred to the committee on State Affairs.

No. 158. By Mr. Soper: Petition of Vermontville Grange No. 625, asking for the passage of the anti-color law, etc.

Referred to the committee on Public Health.

No. 159. By Mr. Wheeler: Petition of John R. Miner and 59 other citizens of Washtenaw county, against the passage of an act to permit electric roads to condemn property for right of way.

Referred to the committee on Railroads.

No. 160. By Mr. Robinson: Petition of L. C. Wells and others, in regard to the killing of deer in this State.

Referred to the committee on Fisheries and Game.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

By the committee on Public Health:

The committee on Public Health, to whom was referred

House bill No. 17, entitled

A bill to amend sections 1 and 2 of act No. 186 of the public acts of 1867, entitled "An act to authorize the dissection, in certain cases, for the advancement of science," approved March 27, 1867, as amended by the several acts amendatory thereof.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

L. A. GOODRICH,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on Public Health:

The committee on Public Health, to whom was referred

1. House bill No. 732, entitled

A bill to establish a State Homeopathic College of Medicine in the city of Detroit.

2. House bill No. 733 entitled

A bill to repeal an act, entitled "An act for the establishment of a homeopathic medical department of the University of Michigan," ap-

proved April 27, 1875, being compiler's sections 4932 and 4933 of Howell's annotated statutes.

3. House bill No. 739, entitled

A bill to establish a homeopathic medical college in Detroit.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House and recommend that the three bills be referred to the committee on University.

L. A. GOODRICH,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The question being on concurring in the request made by the committee for the reference of the three bills to the committee on University,

The House concurred, and the bills were so referred.

By the committee on Asylum for Dangerous and Criminal Insane:

The committee on Asylum for Dangerous and Criminal Insane, to whom was referred

House bill No. 362, entitled

A bill appropriating money for the use of the Michigan Asylum for Dangerous and Criminal Insane.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

HENRY J. EIKHOFF,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was then referred to the committee on Ways and Means, under the rules.

By the committee on Asylum for Dangerous and Criminal Insane:

The committee on Asylum for Dangerous and Criminal Insane, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 187, entitled

A bill providing for changing the name of the Michigan Asylum for Dangerous and Criminal Insane at Ionia.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

HENRY J. EIKHOFF,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

Pending the order that the bill be printed, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order,

On motion of Mr. Eikhoff,

The rules were suspended, two-thirds of all the members present voting therefor, and the bill was put upon its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Alward
Anderson

Mr. Hart
Heck

Mr. Randall
Reed, W. A.

Mr. Baumgärtner

Brownell

Bryan

Burch

Burdick

Buskirk

Caldwell

Chandler

Cheever

Colby

Collins

Colvin

Dingley

Eikhoff

Gillette

Goodell

Goodrich

Goodyear

Gordon

Gray

Gustin

Hammond

Handy

Mr. Heineman

Herrig

Hofmeister

Howell

Keep

Kerr

Kingott

Locher

Lugers

Lusk

McCall

McCallum

McKay

McLean

McLeod

Mason

Miller

Moore

Murphy

Nash

Nevins

Oberdorffer

Mr. Read, J. H.

Robinson

Rulison

Schmidt

Scully

Shisler

Soper

Stumpenhusen

Sutherland

Taziman

Van Camp

Waterbury

Watters

Wayne

Weier

Wells

Weter

Wheeler

Whitney

Wing

Woodruff

Speaker

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Eikhoff,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

THIRD READING OF BILLS.

On motion of Mr. Heineman,

The rules were suspended so as to allow the bills on the order of third reading to be taken up, two-thirds of the members present voting therefor.

Senate bill No. 221, entitled

A bill to amend sections 2 and 9 of act 186 of the public acts of 1897, entitled "An act defining the limits of the judicial circuits of the State of Michigan," and to add a new section thereto.

Was read a third time, and pending the taking of the vote on the passage thereof,

Mr. Van Camp moved that there be a call of the House.

Which motion prevailed.

PROCEEDINGS UNDER THE CALL.

The roll of the House was called by the Clerk, and the following members reported absent without leave: Messrs. Crosby, Duff, Foster and Gordon.

The Speaker directed the bar of the House to be closed, and that the Sergeant-at-Arms bring in the absentees.

On motion of Mr. Waterbury,

The House proceeded with its business under the operation of the call.

The question again being on the passage of the bill,

The Sergeant-at-Arms announced Mr. Fleischhauer at the bar of the House.

Mr. Fleischhauer was admitted within the bar, rendered an excuse, and took his seat.

The question being on the passage of the bill,

The bill was then passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Anderson	Mr. Gillette	Mr. Oberdorffer
Babcock	Goodell	Reed, G. W.
Baumgärtner	Goodyear	Reed, W. A.
Brownell	Hammond	Rulison
Bryan	Handy	Schmidt
Burch	Hart	Scully
Burdick	Hatzenbuehler	Shisler
Burfoot	Heineman	Soper
Buskirk	Herrig	Sutherland
Chamberlain	Keep	Van Camp
Chandler	Kelly	Watters
Cheever	Kerr	Wayne
Colby	Kingott	Weier
Collins	Laflamboy	Wells
Davis	Lugers	Weter
Dickinson	Lusk	Whitney
Dingley	McCallum	Wing
Dudley	McLean	Wood
Eikhoff	McLeod	Woodruff
Fleischhauer	Mason	Speaker
Gillam	Moore	

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Mr. Alward	Mr. Locher	Mr. Pearson
Caldwell	McKay	Phillips
Carton	Miller	Randall
Colvin	Murdoch	Read, J. H.
Doyle	Murphy	Robinson
Goodrich	Nash	Stumpenhuisen
Gray	Nevins	Taziman
Heck	Niedermeier	Waterbury
Hofmeister	Pack	Wheeler
Howell		

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Van Camp.

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

On motion of Mr. Phillips,

All further proceedings under the call were dispensed with.

House bill No. 16 (file No. 17), entitled

A bill to protect sidewalks and side-paths, and to provide a penalty for its violation.

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Alward	Mr. Gray	Mr. Niedermeier
Anderson	Gustin	Oberdorffer
Babcock	Hammond	Pack
Baumgärtner	Handy	Pearson
Brownell	Hart	Phillips
Bryan	Hatzenbuehler	Randall
Burch	Heck	Read, J. H.
Burdick	Heineman	Reed, W. A.
Burfoot	Herrig	Robinson
Buskirk	Hofmeister	Rulison
Caldwell	Howell	Schmidt
Carton	Keep	Scully
Chamberlain	Kingott	Shisler
Chandler	Locher	Soper
Cheever	Lugers	Stumpenhusen
Colby	Lusk	Sutherland
Dickinson	McCall	Taziman
Dingley	McCallum	Watters
Doyle	McKay	Weier
Dudley	McLean	Wells
Eikhoff	McLeod	Weter
Fleischhauer	Mason	Wheeler
Gillam	Miller	Whitney
Gillette	Moore	Wing
Goodell	Murphy	Wood
Goodrich	Nash	Woodruff
Goodyear	Nevins	Speaker

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Heineman,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Bryan moved to take from the table,

House bill No. 912, entitled

A bill to enable the township of Gross Pointe, in Wayne county, to lay out, operate and maintain a road or highway along the Detroit river bank.

and the shore of Lake St. Clair, in said township, and to regulate the uses of the same.

Which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Bryan,

The bill was referred to the committee on Towns and Counties.

Mr. Nevins moved to discharge the committee of the whole from the further consideration of

House bill No. 94 (file No. 53), entitled

A bill to change the names of Thomas Wagar and Edna Wagar.

Which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Nevins,

The bill was referred to the committee on State Affairs.

Mr. Goodyear moved to take from the table,

House bill No. 504, entitled

A bill to amend act No. 243 of the public acts of 1881, entitled "An act to revise and consolidate the laws relating to the establishment, opening and improvement and maintenance of highways and private roads and the building, repairing and preservation of bridges within this State."

Which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Goodyear,

The bill was referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.

Mr. Colby moved to take from the table,

House bill No. 1049, entitled

A bill to change the name of Charles Henry Sullivan, Lyda Sullivan and Harold Sullivan, to Charles Henry Evans, Lyda Evans and Harold Evans respectively.

Which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Colby,

The rules were suspended, two-thirds of all the members present voting therefor, and the bill was put upon its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Alward
Baumgärtner
Brownell
Burdick
Burfoot
Caldwell
Carton
Chamberlain
Cheever
Colby
Collins
Colvin
Davis
Dingley
Doyle
Dudley
Eikhoff

Mr. Handy
Hart
Hatzenbuhler
Heck
Heineman
Hofmeister
Howell
Keep
Kingott
Lafamboy
Locher
Lugers
McCall
McCallum
McKay
McLeod
Mason

Mr. Oberdorffer
Pack
Pearson
Phillips
Randall
Reed, W. A.
Robinson
Schmidt
Scully
Shisler
Soper
Stumpenhusen
Taziman
Waterbury
Watters
Weier
Wells

Mr. Fleischhauer	Mr. Miller	Mr. Weter	
Gillam	Moore	Wheeler	
Gillette	Murdoch	Whitney	
Goodell	Murphy	Wing	
Goodrich	Nash	Wood	
Gray	Nevins	Speaker	
Hammond	Niedermeier		71

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Mr. Sutherland 1

Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Colby,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

Mr. Schmidt moved to take from the table,

House bill No. 220, entitled

A bill to authorize the Board of Supervisors of the county of Saginaw to purchase and maintain the State Road bridge across the Tittabawassee river, in the county of Saginaw, known as Paines bridge and the approaches and appurtenances thereto, and to issue bonds for that purpose.

Which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Schmidt,

The rules were suspended, two-thirds of all the members present voting therefor, and the bill was put upon its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Alward	Mr. Gordon	Mr. Niedermeier
Babcock	Gray	Oberdorffer
Brownell	Hammond	Pack
Bryan	Handy	Pearson
Burch	Hart	Phillips
Burdick	Hatzenbuhler	Randall
Burfoot	Heck	Read, J. H.
Caldwell	Heineman	Reed, W. A.
Carton	Herrig	Robinson
Chamberlain	Hofmeister	Schmidt
Chandler	Keep	Scully
Cheever	Kerr	Soper
Colby	Kingott	Stumpenhusen
Collins	Locher	Taziman
Colvin	Lusk	Waterbury
Davis	McCallum	Watters
Dingley	McKay	Weier
Doyle	McLeod	Wells
Dudley	Mason	Weter
Eikhoff	Miller	Wheeler
Fleischhauer	Moore	Whitney

Mr. Gillam
Gillette
Goodrich
Goodyear

Mr. Murdoch
Murphy
Nash
Nevins

Mr. Wing
Wood
Woodruff
Speaker

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Schmidt,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

Mr. Locher moved to take from the table,

House bill No. 762, entitled

A bill to amend the charter of the city of Belding.

Which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Locher,

The further consideration of the bill was indefinitely postponed.

Mr. Nevins offered the following:

Whereas, We have been notified by the Speaker of the resignation of certain employees of this House; therefore be it

Resolved, That it is the desire of this House that all of its present employees be retained in their present positions of service for the remainder of this session, and shall include those whose resignations were accepted today.

Mr. Chamberlain moved that the resolution do lie on the table.

Which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Heck,

Leave of absence was granted to himself indefinitely.

On motion of Mr. Babcock,

Leave of absence was granted to himself for tomorrow.

On motion of Mr. Niedermeier,

Leave of absence was granted to himself for tomorrow.

On motion of Mr. Stumpfenhusen,

Leave of absence was granted to himself for tomorrow.

Mr. Heineman offered the following:

Resolved. That this House, in closing its session of the day, hereby expresses its sincere sympathy with Representative Hall, who has suffered the sad loss of his brother.

Which was adopted by an unanimous rising vote.

On motion of Mr. Bryan.

The House adjourned.

{ REPRESENTATIVE HALL, LANSING,
Wednesday, March 8, 1899.

The House met pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Brancheau.

Roll called: quorum present.

Absent without leave: Messrs. Caldwell, Kelly and Soper.

On motion of Mr. Woodruff,

Leave of absence was granted to all absentees for the day.

By unanimous consent,

Mr. Chamberlain offered the following:

Whereas, At the invitation of our esteemed Superintendent of Public Instruction, Hon. Jason E. Hammond, we have with us today, as guests, several hundred teachers and students of the public schools of Grand Ledge, Greenville, Belding, Portland and Ionia; therefore

Resolved, That the Sergeant-at-Arms be, and he is hereby instructed to admit and seat on the floor of the House as many of our visitors as can be accommodated, and that an informal recess of ten minutes be taken for this purpose, and to listen to the singing of "Michigan, My Michigan," by our visitors.

Which was adopted.

AFTER RECESS.

The House was called to order by the Speaker.

BILLS PRESENTED TO THE GOVERNOR.

By the Clerk:

I have to report that I have this day enrolled, compared and presented to the Governor,

House bill No. 622, entitled

An act prescribing the manner in which the city of Ionia may be incorporated under and be subject to the provisions of act No. 215 of the public acts of 1895 of the State of Michigan, entitled "An act to provide for the incorporation of cities of the fourth class."

In accordance with the rules and order of the House: the receipt for the same being dated 9:33 o'clock a. m., March 8, 1899.

LEWIS M. MILLER.

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS.

No. 161. By Mr. Burdick: Petition of Pine Lake Grange, No. 743, asking for the re-enactment of the "anti-color" law.

Referred to the committee on State Affairs.

No. 162. By Mr. Shisler: Petition from Whitneyville Grange, No. 222, in favor of the re-enactment of the "anti-color" law.

Referred to the committee on State Affairs.

No. 163. By Mr. Burdick: Petition of E. Borden and 35 others against divorces.

Referred to the committee on Judiciary.

No. 164. By Mr. Fleischhauer: Petition of A. L. Barclay and 25 others in favor of prohibiting the killing of deer in this State for five years.

Referred to the committee on Fisheries and Game.

No. 165. By Mr. Hart: Petition of Fairfield Grange, No. 278, in regard to "anti-color" law.

Referred to the committee on State Affairs.

No. 166. By Mr. Nash: Petition of Evans Grange, No. 734, in favor of the re-enactment of the "anti-color" law.

Referred to the committee on State Affairs.

No. 167. By Mr. Dudley: Petition of W. W. Carter Grange, No. 746, in favor of the re-enactment of the "anti-color" law.

Referred to the committee on State Affairs.

No. 168. By Mr. Davis: Petition of Montana Grange, No. 49, in favor of the re-enactment of the "anti-color" law.

Referred to the committee on State Affairs.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

By the committee on Ways and Means:

The committee on Ways and Means, to whom was referred

House bill No. 122, entitled

A bill making an appropriation for the printing of certain reports and maps under the direction of the State Board of Geological Survey.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

GEO. L. LUSK,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

By the committee on Towns and Counties:

The committee on Towns and Counties, to whom was referred

House bill No. 490, entitled

A bill designating the number of persons composing the Board of County Road Commissioners of Bay county, the method of electing them and making the clerk of Bay county the clerk of said board at a compensation to be determined by them, and making the Prosecuting Attorney their legal counsel and adviser.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

C. E. WHITNEY,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

Pending the order that the bill be printed, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order,

On motion of Mr. McLean,

The rules were suspended, two-thirds of all the members present voting therefor, and the bill was put upon its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Aldrich
Alward

Mr. Gustin
Hammond

Mr. Nevins
Oberdorffer

Mr. Anderson	Mr. Hart	Mr. Pearson
Baumgärtner	Heck	Randall
Brownell	Heineman	Read, J. H.
Bryan	Herrig	Reed, G. W.
Burch	Hofmeister	Reed, W. A.
Burdick	Howell	Robinson
Burfoot	Keep	Rulison
Buskirk	Kelly	Shisler
Chamberlain	Kerr	Soper
Chandler	Kingott	Sutherland
Cheever	Laflamboy	Taziman
Colby	Locher	Van Camp
Collins	Lugers	Waterbury
Dingley	McCall	Watters
Doyle	McKay	Wells
Dudley	McLean	Weter
Fleischhauer	Mason	Wheeler
Gillam	Miller	Whitney
Gillette	Moore	Wing
Goodrich	Murdoch	Wood
Goodyear	Murphy	Woodruff
Gray	Nash	Speaker

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. McLean,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

By the committee on Towns and Counties:

The committee on Towns and Counties, to whom was referred

House bill No. 329, entitled

A bill to amend act 319 of the local acts of 1893, entitled "An act to allow the village of Ontonagon, in the county of Ontonagon, and State of Michigan, to borrow money and issue bonds in the sum of \$30,000 to build water works and electric lighting plant," approved March 24, 1893; and to amend act No. 283 of the local acts of 1895, entitled "An act to allow the village of Ontonagon, in the county of Ontonagon, and State of Michigan, to borrow money, and issue bonds in the sum of \$12,000 to extend its system of water works and to complete its electric lighting plant." approved February 13, 1895, and to repeal all acts and parts of acts contravening or conflicting with this act

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

C. E. WHITNEY,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

Pending the order that the bill be printed, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

On motion of Mr. Chamberlain,

The rules were suspended, two-thirds of all the members present voting therefor, and the bill was put upon its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Aldrich	Mr. Gray	Mr. Nevins
Anderson	Gustin	Oberdorffer
Baumgärtner	Hammond	Pack
Brownell	Handy	Pearson
Bryan	Hart	Phillips
Burdick	Heck	Randall
Burfoot	Heineman	Read, J. H.
Buskirk	Herrig	Reed, G. W.
Carton	Hofmeister	Reed, W. A.
Chamberlain	Howell	Robinson
Chandler	Keep	Rulison
Cheever	Kerr	Shisler
Collins	Kingott	Stewart
Crosby	Lafamboy	Sutherland
Dickinson	Locher	Taziman
Dingley	Lugers	Van Camp
Doyle	Lusk	Waterbury
Dudley	McCallum	Watters
Duff	McKay	Wayne
Eikhoff	McLean	Wells
Fleischhauer	McLeod	Weter
Foster	Mason	Wheeler
Gillam	Miller	Whitney
Gillette	Moore	Wing
Goodell	Murdoch	Wood
Goodrich	Murphy	Woodruff
Goodyear	Nash	Speaker
Gordon		

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Mr. Colvin

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Chamberlain,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

By the committee on Towns and Counties:

The committee on Towns and Counties, to whom was referred

House bill No. 267, entitled

A bill to authorize the township of Burt, in Alger county, Michigan, to borrow money to be used in public improvements in and for the benefit of said township, and to issue bonds therefor.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, without

amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

C. E. WHITNEY,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

Pending the order that the bill be printed, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order,

On motion of Mr. McCallum,

The rules were suspended, two-thirds of all the members present voting therefor, and the bill was put upon its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Aldrich	Mr. Goodyear	Mr. Nash
Anderson	Gordon	Nevins
Baumgaertner	Gray	Oberdorffer
Brownell	Hammond	Pack
Bryan	Handy	Pearson
Burch	Hart	Phillips
Burdick	Heck	Randall
Burfoot	Heineman	Read, J. H.
Buskirk	Herrig	Reed, G. W.
Carton	Hofmeister	Reed, W. A.
Chamberlain	Howell	Robinson
Chandler	Keep	Rulison
Cheever	Kerr	Stewart
Collins	Kingott	Sutherland
Colvin	Lafainboy	Taziman
Crosby	Locher	Van Camp
Dickinson	Ligers	Waterbury
Dingley	Lusk	Watters
Doyle	McCallum	Wayne
Dudley	McKay	Wells
Duff	McLean	Weter
Eikhoff	McLeod	Wheeler
Fleischhauer	Mason	Whitney
Foster	Miller	Wing
Gillam	Moore	Wood
Gillette	Murdoch	Woodruff
Goodell	Murphy	Speaker
Goodrich		

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NAYS.

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. McCallum,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

By the committee on Towns and Counties:

The committee on Towns and Counties, to whom was referred

House bill No. 346 (file No. 51), entitled

A bill to provide for the filing of a copy of the minutes made by surveyors or civil engineers in the subdivision of all lands within the State.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

C. E. WHITNEY,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on Towns and Counties:

The committee on Towns and Counties, to whom was referred

House bill No. 1036, entitled

A bill to change the boundary of the village of Potterville, in Eaton county, by detaching certain territory and adding the same to the township of Benton.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

C. E. WHITNEY,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on Towns and Counties:

The committee on Towns and Counties, to whom was referred

House bill No. 315, entitled

A bill to amend section 1 of act No. 419 of the local acts of 1897, entitled "An act to authorize the townships of Sand Beach, Sigel, Paris, Verona and Bingham, and the villages of Sand Beach and Ubly, in the county of Huron, to permit the operation of a railway by means of electric or other motive power except steam power, and the laying of a railway track in, along and across the highways within said township and villages or any of them."

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

C. E. WHITNEY,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

Pending the order that the bill be printed, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

On motion of Mr. Murdoch,

The rules were suspended, two-thirds of all the members present voting therefor, and the bill was put upon its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Alward	Mr. Goodyear	Mr. Murphy
Anderson	Gordon	Nash
Baumgärtner	Gustin	Nevins
Brownell	Hammond	Pack
Bryan	Handy	Pearson
Burch	Hart	Randall
Burdick	Heck	Read, J. H.
Burfoot	Heineman	Reed, G. W.
Buskirk	Herrig	Reed, W. A.
Carton	Hofmeister	Robinson
Chamberlain	Howell	Stewart
Chandler	Keep	Sutherland
Cheever	Kerr	Taziman
Collins	Kingott	Van Camp
Colvin	Laflamboy	Waterbury
Crosby	Locher	Watters
Dickinson	Lugers	Wayne
Dingley	Lusk	Wells
Doyle	McCall	Weter
Dudley	McCallum	Wheeler
Duff	McKay	Whitney
Eikhoff	McLean	Wing
Fleischhauer	McLeod	Wood
Gillam	Mason	Woodruff
Gillette	Moore	Speaker
Goodrich	Murdoch	

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Murdoch,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

By the committee on Towns and Counties:

The committee on Towns and Counties, to whom was referred House bill No. 120, entitled

A bill to facilitate the inspection and prevent the removal of any and all records and files in the offices of county and city officers in this State, and repealing all acts and parts of acts in anywise contravening the provisions of this act.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration and have directed me to report the same back to the House with amendments thereto, recommending that the amendments be concurred in, and that the bill, when so amended, do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

C. E. WHITNEY,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The question being on concurring in the amendments made by the committee to the bill,

The House concurred.

The bill was then ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on State Affairs:

The committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred
House bill No. 225, entitled

A bill to prevent persons from unlawfully using or wearing the button of the Grand Army of the Republic in this State.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House and recommend that the bill be referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

HENRY L. WOOD,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The question being on concurring in the request made by the committee for the reference of the bill to the committee on Military Affairs,

The House concurred, and the bill was so referred.

By the committee on State Affairs:

The committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred
House bill No. 592, entitled

A bill to amend sections 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 of act No. 122 of the public acts of 1889, entitled "An act to provide for the publication and distribution of laws and documents, reports of the several State officers, boards of officers, and public institutions of this State, now or hereafter to be published, and to provide for the replacing of books lost by fire or otherwise, and to repeal all existing laws providing for the publication and distribution of said laws, documents or reports.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, with the accompanying substitute therefor, entitled

A bill to repeal section 7 and to amend sections 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 of act No. 122 of the public acts of 1889, entitled "An act to provide for the publication and distribution of laws and documents, reports of the several officers, boards of officers and public institutions of this State, now or hereafter to be published and to provide for the replacing of books lost by fire or otherwise, and to repeal all existing laws providing for the publication and distribution of said laws, documents and reports."

Recommending that the substitute be concurred in, and that the substitute do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

HENRY L. WOOD,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The question being on concurring in the substitute reported for the bill, by the committee,

The House concurred.

The bill was then ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on Judiciary:

The committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred

House bill No. 133, entitled

A bill to amend the title to act No. 266 of the public acts of 1895, being an act entitled "An act relative to bonds and other obligations with surety or sureties, and the acceptance as surety thereon of companies qualified to act as such, and the release of such surety, and the safe depositing of assets for which such surety may be liable, and to the charging by fiduciaries of the expense of procuring sureties, and repeal all laws in conflict therewith," and to amend section 1 thereof, as amended by act 106 of the public acts of 1897, and section 8 of said act No. 266.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

HENRY M. CHEEVER,

Acting Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on Judiciary:

The committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred

House bill No. 260, entitled

A bill to amend section 9 of act No. 52 of the public acts of 1897, entitled "An act authorizing the incorporation of homes for aged, infirm or indigent men or women," approved March 26, 1897.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

HENRY M. CHEEVER,

Acting Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on Judiciary:

The committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred

House bill No. 152, entitled

A bill declaring the solicitation, teaching, advocacy or the persuasion to polygamy, a felony.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

HENRY M. CHEEVER,

Acting Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on State Prison:

The committee on State Prison, to whom was referred

House bill No. 363, entitled

A bill appropriating money for improvements and repairs at the Michigan State Prison at Jackson, and improving the sewerage in Grand River.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

JOHN CALDWELL,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was referred to the committee on Ways and Means, under the rules.

By the committee on State Prison:

The committee on State Prison, to whom was referred

House bill No. 608, entitled

A bill appropriating money to provide for the dyking and cleaning of Grand river in the city of Jackson, to carry off sewerage from Prison.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

JOHN CALDWELL,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was referred to the committee on Ways and Means, under the rules.

By the committee on Elections:

The committee on Elections, to whom was referred

House bill No. 203, entitled

A bill to amend section No. 5 of act No. 135 of the public acts of Michigan of 1895, entitled "An act to provide for the holding of primaries in cities of not less than fifteen thousand inhabitants and not over one hundred and fifty thousand inhabitants, and to punish frauds thereon, and by delegates elected thereat, and the corruption and attempted corruption of such delegates."

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

SHERMAN T. HANDY,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

Pending the order that the bill be printed, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order,

On motion of Mr. Dingley,

The rules were suspended, two-thirds of all the members present voting therefor, and the bill was put upon its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Alward	Mr. Gordon	Mr. Murdoch
Hart	Burch	Murphy
Bryan	Handy	Nash
Anderson	Gray	Nevins
Baumgaertner	Gustin	Oberdorffer
Burdick	Hammond	Pearson
Burfoot	Heineman	Reed, G. W.
Buskirk	Herrig	Randall
Carton	Hofmeister	Robinson
Chamberlain	Howell	Rulison
Chandler	Keep	Shisler
Cheever	Kingott	Soper
Colby	Laflamboy	Sutherland
Davis	Locher	Van Camp
Dickinson	Lugers	Waterbury
Dingley	Lusk	Phillips
Doyle	McCallum	Watters
Duff	McKay	Weter
Eikhoff	McLean	Wheeler
Fleischauer	McLeod	Whitney
Gillette	Mason	Wing
Goodell	Miller	Wood
Goodrich	Moore	Speaker
Goodyear		

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Mr. Collins

Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Dingley,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

By the committee on Elections:

The committee on Elections, to whom was referred

House bill No. 1015, entitled

A bill to amend sections 5 and 47 of act No. 190 of the public acts of 1891, entitled "An act to prescribe the manner of conducting and to prevent fraud and (deception) deceptions at elections in this State," and to repeal all acts and parts of acts contravening the provisions of this act.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration and have directed me to report the same back to the House, with the accompanying substitute therefor, entitled

A bill to amend sections 5 and 47 of act No. 190 of the public acts of 1891, entitled "An act to prescribe the manner of conducting and to prevent fraud and (deception) deceptions at election in this State," and to repeal all acts and parts of acts contravening the provisions of this act.

Recommending that the substitute be concurred in, and that the substitute do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

SHERMAN T. HANDY,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The question being on concurring in the substitute reported for the bill, by the committee,

The House concurred.

The bill was then ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on Elections:

The committee on Elections, to whom was referred

House bill No. 375, entitled

A bill to amend section 35 of act No. 468, of the local acts of 1895, entitled "An act to amend and revise chapters 1 and 2 of an act entitled 'An act to provide a charter for the city of Detroit, and to repeal all acts and parts of acts in conflict herewith,' approved June 7, 1883, and to repeal all acts and parts of acts contravening the provisions of this act."

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

SHERMAN T. HANDY,

Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

Pending the order that the bill be printed, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order,

On motion of Mr. McLeod,

The rules were suspended, two-thirds of all the members present voting therefor, and the bill was put upon its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Aldrich	Mr. Goodyear	Mr. Moore
Alward	Gordon	Murdoch
Anderson	Gray	Murphy
Baumgaertner	Gustin	Nevins
Brownell	Hammond	Oberdorffer
Bryan	Handy	Pearson
Burch	Hart	Phillips
Burdick	Heck	Randall
Burfoot	Heineman	Read, J. H.
Buskirk	Herrig	Reed, G. W.
Carton	Howell	Reed, W. A.
Chamberlain	Keep	Robinson
Cheever	Kelly	Rulison
Colby	Kerr	Shisler
Collins	Kingott	Soper
Colvin	Laflamboy	Sutherland
Davis	Locher	Taziman
Dickinson	Lugers	Waterbury
Doyle	Lusk	Watters
Dudley	McCall	Wells
Duff	McCallum	Weter

Mr. Eikhoff
Fleischhauer
Gillam
Gillette
Goodrich

Mr. McKay
McLean
McLeod
Mason
Miller

Mr. Wheeler
Wood
Woodruff
Speaker

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NAYS.

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. McLeod,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

By the committee on Elections:

The committee on Elections, to whom was referred

House bill No. 321, entitled

A bill to provide for an additional voting precinct in the township of Franklin, in the county of Houghton, to be known as voting precinct No. 4.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

SHERMAN T. HANDY,

Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

Pending the order that the bill be printed, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order,

On motion of Mr. Rulison,

The rules were suspended, two-thirds of all the members present voting therefor, and the bill was put upon its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Aldrich
Alward
Anderson
Baumgærtner
Brownell
Burch
Burdick
Burfoot
Buskirk
Carton
Chamberlain
Cheever
Colby
Collins
Colvin
Crosby
Dickinson

Mr. Goodell
Goodrich
Goodyear
Gordon
Gray
Hammond
Handy
Hart
Heck
Heineman
Herrig
Howell
Keep
Kelly
Kerr
Kingott
Laflamboy

Mr. Murdoch
Murphy
Nash
Nevins
Oberdorffer
Pearson
Phillips
Randall
Read, J. H.
Reed, G. W.
Reed, W. A.
Robinson
Rulison
Shisler
Soper
Sutherland
Taziman

Mr. Dingley	Mr. Locher	Mr. Waterbury
Doyle	Lugers	Watters
Dudley	Lusk	Wells
Duff	McCallum	Weter
Eikhoff	McKay	Wheeler
Fleischhauer	McLean	Wood
Gillam	Mason	Woodruff
Gillette	Miller	Speaker

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NAYS.

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Rulison,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

By the committee on Elections:

The committee on Elections, to whom was referred

House bill No. 322, entitled

A bill to provide for an additional voting precinct in the township of Franklin, county of Houghton, to be known as voting precinct No. 3.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

SHERMAN T. HANDY,

Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

Pending the order that the bill be printed, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order,

On motion of Mr. Rulison,

The rules were suspended, two-thirds of all the members present voting therefor, and the bill was put upon its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Alward	Mr. Goodyear	Mr. Murphy
Anderson	Gordon	Nash
Baumgærtner	Gray	Nevins
Brownell	Gustin	Oberdorffer
Burch	Hammond	Pearson
Burdick	Handy	Phillips
Burfoot	Hart	Randall
Carton	Heck	Read, J. H.
Chamberlain	Heineman	Reed, G. W.
Cheever	Herrig	Reed W. A.
Colby	Keep	Robinson
Collins	Kelly	Rulison
Colvin	Kerr	Shisler

Mr. Crosby	Mr. Kingott	Mr. Soper
Davis	Laflamboy	Sutherland
Dickinson	Locher	Taziman
Dingley	Lugers	Van Camp
Doyle	Lusk	Waterbury
Dudley	McCall	Watters
Eikhoff	McCallum	Wells
Fleischhauer	McKay	Weter
Foster	McLean	Wheeler
Gillam	McLeod	Whitney
Gillette	Mason	Wood
Goodell	Miller	Woodruff
Goodrich	Murdoch	Speaker

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NAYS.

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Rulison,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

By the committee on City Corporations:

The committee on City Corporations, to whom was referred House bill No. 607, entitled

A bill to amend section 2 of act No. 308 of the session laws of 1879, entitled "An act to incorporate the city of Mt. Clemens, and repeal act No. 307 of the session laws of 1875, approved April 8, 1875," as amended by act No. 308 of the local acts of 1881.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House with amendments thereto, recommending that the amendments be concurred in, and that the bill when so amended do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

P. HERRIG.

Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The question being on concurring in the amendments made by the committee to the bill,

The House concurred.

Pending the order that the bill be printed, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order,

On motion of Mr. Weter,

The rules were suspended, two-thirds of all the members present voting therefor, and the bill was put upon its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Aldrich	Mr. Goodell	Mr. Moore
Alward	Goodrich	Murdoch
Anderson	Goodyear	Murphy

Mr. Baumgaertner	Mr. Gordon	Mr. Nash
Brownell	Gray	Nevins
Burch	Gustin	Oberdorffer
Burdick	Hammond	Pearson
Burfoot	Handy	Phillips
Carton	Hart	Randall
Chamberlain	Heck	Reed, G. W.
Chandler	Heineman	Reed, W. A.
Cheever	Herrig	Robinson
Colby	Howell	Rulison
Collins	Keep	Shisler
Colvin	Kelly	Sutherland
Crosby	Kingott	Taziman
Davis	Lafamboy	Van Camp
Dickinson	Locher	Waterbury
Dingley	Lugers	Watters
Doyle	Lusk	Wells
Dudley	McCall	Weter
Duff	McCallum	Wheeler
Fleischhauer	McKay	Wood
Foster	McLean	Woodruff
Gillam	Mason	Speaker
Gillette	Miller	

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NAYS.

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Weter,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

By the committee on City Corporations:

The committee on City Corporations, to whom was referred House bill No. 411, entitled

A bill to amend section 11 of chapter 23 of the charter of the city of Jackson, as amended by act No. 376 of the local acts of the State of Michigan, for the year 1897.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

P. HERRIG,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

Pending the order that the bill be printed, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order,

On motion of Mr. Collins,

The rules were suspended, two-thirds of all the members present voting therefor, and the bill was put upon its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Aldrich
 Alward
 Anderson
 Baumgärtner
 Brownell
 Burch
 Burdick
 Burfoot
 Carton
 Chandler
 Cheever
 Colby
 Collins
 Crosby
 Davis
 Dickinson
 Dingley
 Doyle
 Dudley
 Duff
 Fleischhauer
 Foster
 Gillam
 Gillette
 Goodell

Mr. Goodrich
 Goodyear
 Gordon
 Gray
 Gustin
 Hammond
 Hart
 Heck
 Heineman
 Herrig
 Howell
 Keep
 Kelly
 Kingott
 Laflamboy
 Locher
 Lugers
 McCall
 McKay
 McLean
 Mason
 Miller
 Moore
 Murdoch

Mr. Murphy
 Nash
 Nevins
 Oberdorffer
 Pearson
 Phillips
 Read, J. H.
 Reed, W. A.
 Robinson
 Rulison
 Shisler
 Soper
 Sutherland
 Taziman
 Van Camp
 Waterbury
 Watters
 Wells
 Weter
 Wheeler
 Wing
 Wood
 Woodruff
 Speaker

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NAYS.

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Title agreed to:

On motion of Mr. Collins,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

By the committee on City Corporations:

The committee on City Corporations, to whom was referred

House bill No. 770, entitled

A bill to provide for the retirement of aged and disabled firemen, and the payment of pensions to the wives and children of deceased firemen killed in the service of Bay City.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House with amendments thereto, recommending that the amendments be concurred in, and that the bill when so amended do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

P. HERRIG,

Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The question being on concurring in the amendments made by the committee to the bill,

The House concurred.

Pending the order that the bill be printed, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order,

On motion of Mr. McLean,

The rules were suspended, two-thirds of all the members present voting therefor, and the bill was put upon its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Aldrich	Mr Gillette	Mr. Murdoch
Anderson	Goodell	Nash
Baumgaertner	Goodrich	Nevins
Brownell	Goodyear	Oberdorffer
Bryan	Gordon	Randall
Burch	Gray	Read, J. H.
Burdick	Hammond	Reed, G. W.
Burfoot	Hart	Reed, W. A.
Carton	Heck	Robinson
Chandler	Heineman	Rulison
Cheever	Herrig	Shisler
Colby	Hofmeister	Stewart
Collins	Howell	Sutherland
Colvin	Keep	Van Camp
Crosby	Kingott	Waterbury
Davis	Locher	Watters
Dickinson	McCall	Wells
Dingley	McKay	Weter
Doyle	McLean	Wheeler
Dudley	Mason	Wing
Duff	Miller	Wood
Fleischhauer	Moore	Speaker
Gillam		

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NAYS.

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. McLean,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

By the committee on City Corporations:

The committee on City Corporations, to whom was referred

House bill No. 356, entitled

A bill to amend sections 11 and 20 of an act entitled "An act to revise an act entitled 'An act relative to free schools in the city of Grand Rapids, approved March 15, 1871, as amended by an act approved April 24, 1875,' approved May 9, 1877, and as further amended May 3, 1879; March 16, 1881; June 9, 1885; April 27, 1887, and May 23, 1893."

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House with amendments thereto, recommending that the amendments be concurred in, and

that the bill when so amended do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

P. HERRIG,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The question being on concurring in the amendments made by the committee to the bill,

The House concurred.

The bill was then ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on City Corporations:

The committee on City Corporations, to whom was referred

House bill No. 243, entitled

A bill authorizing the light and power commission of the city of Marquette to acquire, take and hold lands, water power and other interests in lands necessary to carry out the objects and purposes of said commission.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House with amendments thereto, recommending that the amendments be concurred in, and that the bill when so amended do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

P. HERRIG,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The question being on concurring in the amendments made by the committee to the bill,

The House concurred.

Pending the order that the bill be printed, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order,

On motion of Mr. Gordon,

The rules were suspended, two-thirds of all the members present voting therefor, and the bill was put upon its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Aldrich

Anderson

Baumgärtner

Brownell

Bryan

Burch

Burdick

Burfoot

Carton

Chamberlain

Chandler

Cheever

Colby

Mr. Gordon

Gray

Gustin

Hammond

Hart

Heck

Heineman

Herrig

Hofmeister

Howell

Kelly

Kingott

Laflamboy

Mr. Murphy

Nash

Nevins

Oberdorffer

Randall

Read, J. H.

Reed, G. W.

Reed, W. A.

Robinson

Rullson

Shisler

Soper

Sutherland

Mr. Colvin	Mr. Locher	Mr. Taziman
Crosby	Lugers	Van Camp
Dickinson	McCallum	Waterbury
Dingley	McKay	Watters
Doyle	McLean	Wheeler
Fleischhauer	Mason	Wing
Gillam	Miller	Wood
Gillette	Moore	Woodruff
Goodrich	Murdoch	Speaker
Goodyear		

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Gordon,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

By the committee on City Corporations:

The committee on City Corporations, to whom was referred

House bill No. 768, entitled

A bill to amend section 4 of act No. 448 of the local acts of 1897, entitled "An act to revise and amend act No. 346 of the local acts of 1881, entitled 'An act to revise an act to incorporate the city of Bay City,'" approved March 30, 1881, as amended and revised by the several acts amendatory and revisionary thereof.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

P. HERRIG,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

Pending the order that the bill be printed, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order,

On motion of Mr. McLean,

The rules were suspended, two-thirds of all the members present voting therefor, and the bill was put upon its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Aldrich	Mr. Hammond	Mr. Nevins
Alward	Handy	Oberdorffer
Anderson	Hart	Pearson
Baumgaertner	Hack	Randall
Brownell	Heineman	Reed, G. W.
Bryan	Herrig	Reed, W. A.
Burch	Hofmeister	Robinson
Burfoot	Howell	Rulison
Carton	Keep	Shisler
Chamberlain	Kelly	Soper

Mr. Cheever	Mr. Kerr	Mr. Sutherland	
Colvin	Kingott	Taziman	
Davis	Locher	Van Camp	
Dickinson	Lugers	Waterbury	
Dingley	Lusk	Watters	
Dudley	McKay	Weter	
Duff	McLean	Wheeler	
Fleischhauer	Miller	Whitney	
Gillam	Moore	Wing	
Gillette	Murdoch	Wood	
Goodrich	Murphy	Woodruff	
Gray	Nash	Speaker	
Gustin			67
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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. McLean,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

By the committee on City Corporations:

The committee on City Corporations, to whom was referred

House bill No. 729, entitled

A bill to prohibit every kind of show, exhibition or performance, in the nature of amusement, the same being for profit, on the first day of the week, commonly called Sunday.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to request of the House that the bill be printed for the use of the committee.

P. HERRIG,
Chairman.

Report accepted.

The question being on ordering the bill printed for the use of the committee,

The House so ordered.

By the committee on State Library:

The committee on State Library, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 18 (file No. 14), entitled

A bill to provide for the purchase of books and equipments for the Michigan State Library and the Michigan traveling libraries.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

WILL A. CROSBY,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was referred to the committee on Ways and Means, under the rules.

By the committees on State Library and Education, jointly:

The committees on State Library and Education, jointly, to whom was referred

House bill No. 7, entitled

A bill to promote the establishment and efficiency of free public libraries.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed us to report the same back to the House, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

J. W. SHISLER,

Chairman Committee on Education.

WILL A. CROSBY,

Chairman State Library Committee.

Report accepted and committees discharged

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on Fisheries and Game:

The committee on Fisheries and Game, to whom was referred

House bill No. 355, entitled

A bill to provide for the salary of the State Game and Fish Warden, and for the appointment of a Chief Deputy Game and Fish Warden, and to prescribe his powers and duties.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to request of the House that the bill be printed for the use of the committee.

J. H. ANDERSON,

Chairman.

Report accepted.

The question being on ordering the bill printed for the use of the committee,

The House so ordered.

By the committee on Fisheries and Game:

The committee on Fisheries and Game, to whom was referred

House bill No. 1063, entitled

A bill making an appropriation to cover the deficit of the State Board of Fish Commissioners June 30, 1897.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

J. H. ANDERSON,

Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was referred to the committee on Ways and Means, under the rules.

By the committee on Fisheries and Game:

The committee on Fisheries and Game, to whom was referred

House bill No. 743, entitled

A bill to provide for the compensation of county game and fish wardens.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to request of the House that the bill be printed for the use of the committee.

J. H. ANDERSON,

Chairman.

Report accepted.

The question being on ordering the bill printed for the use of the committee,

The House so ordered.

By the committee on Fisheries and Game:

The committee on Fisheries and Game, to whom was referred

House bill No. 44, entitled

A bill for the protection of game.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to request of the House that the bill be printed for the use of the committee.

J. H. ANDERSON,
Chairman.

Report accepted.

The question being on ordering the bill printed for the use of the committee,

The House so ordered.

By the committee on Fisheries and Game:

The committee on Fisheries and Game, to whom was referred

House bill No. 19 (file No. 8), entitled

A bill to amend section 3 of act No. 151 of the public acts of 1897, entitled "An act to regulate the catching of fish in the waters of this State by the use of pound or trap nets, gill nets, seines or other apparatus."

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House with amendments thereto, recommending that the amendments be concurred in, and that the bill when so amended do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

J. H. ANDERSON,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The question being on concurring in the amendment made by the committee to the bill,

The House concurred.

The bill was then referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on Fisheries and Game:

The committee on Fisheries and Game, to whom was referred

House bill No. 357, entitled

A bill to revise and amend the laws to protect fish, and to regulate fishing in the waters of this State, by providing close seasons for certain kinds of fish, by prohibiting the catching of fish of certain sizes, by prohibiting the catching of fish in certain specified ways, by prohibiting the catching of fish in certain waters and for certain purposes, by prohibiting the obstruction of streams preventing the free passage of fish and by prohibiting the sale of certain kinds of fish, to protect persons engaged in fish culture, and to repeal inconsistent acts.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to request of the House that the bill be printed for the use of the committee.

J. H. ANDERSON,
Chairman.

Report accepted.

The question being on ordering the bill printed for the use of the committee,

The House so ordered.

By the committee on Labor:

The committee on Labor, to whom was referred

House bill No. 881, entitled

A bill to provide fans or blowers in all workshops or establishments where wheels composed partly of emery or buffing wheels or emery belts are used.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

EDMUND BURFOOT,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on Labor:

The committee on Labor, to whom was referred

House bill No. 170 (file No. 19), entitled

A bill to require every person, partnership or corporation, owning or operating a street railway, the cars of which are propelled by electricity, steam or cable power, to equip every motor car maintained and operated by them with an air brake, and to repeal all acts and parts of acts contravening the provisions of this act.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

EDMUND BURFOOT,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

By the committee on Revision and Amendment of the Statutes:

The committee on Revision and Amendment of the Statutes, to whom was referred

House bill No. 843, entitled

A bill to fix the salary of the chief of the corporation division of the Department of State.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

JOHN J. CARTON,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR.

The Speaker announced the following:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Lansing, March 8, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I have this day approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State, concurrent resolution favoring the granting of a service pension.

Respectfully,
H. S. PINGREE,
Governor.

The message was ordered spread on the Journal.

The Speaker also announced the following:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Lansing, March 8, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I have this day approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State,

House bill No. 282, being

An act to vacate the village of Ewen, in the county of Ontonagon.

Respectfully,
H. S. PINGREE,
Governor.

The message was ordered spread on the Journal.

The Speaker also announced the following:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Lansing, March 8, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I have this day approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State,

House bill No. 614, being

An act to provide a Probate Register for Berrien county and to fix his compensation.

Respectfully,
H. S. PINGREE,
Governor.

The message was ordered spread on the Journal.

The Speaker also announced the following:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Lansing, March 8, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I have this day approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State,

House bill No. 4 (file No. 9), being

An act to legalize certain bonds of the township of Brooks, in Newaygo county.

Respectfully,
H. S. PINGREE,
Governor.

The message was ordered spread on the Journal.

The Speaker also announced the following:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Lansing, March 8, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I have this day approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State,

House bill No. 283, being

An act to incorporate the public schools of the township of Matchwood, in the county of Ontonagon.

Respectfully,

H. S. PINGREE,
Governor.

The message was ordered spread on the Journal.

The Speaker also announced the following:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Lansing, March 8, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I have this day approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State,

House bill No. 117, being

An act to provide for the relief of sick, disabled and needy ex-soldiers, sailors and marines of the late Spanish-American war.

Respectfully,

H. S. PINGREE,
Governor.

The message was ordered spread on the Journal.

The Speaker also announced the following:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Lansing, March 8, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I have this day approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State,

House bill No. 199, being

An act to legalize certain bonds issued by the city of Gladstone for the construction of water works.

Respectfully,

H. S. PINGREE,
Governor.

The message was ordered spread on the Journal.

The Speaker also announced the following:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Lansing, March 8, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I have this day approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State,

House bill No. 198, being

An act to authorize the city of Gladstone, in the county of Delta, to

raise money to redeem or refund bonds to the amount of \$35,000, issued for the construction of water works.

Respectfully,
H. S. PINGREE,
Governor.

The message was ordered spread on the Journal.

The Speaker also announced the following:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Lansing, March 8, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I have this day approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State,

House bill No. 414, being

An act authorizing the supervisors of Wayne county to hold a special meeting in February or March, in the year 1899, to consider and determine the necessity of borrowing money on the faith and credit of said county of Wayne, for the purpose of fully completing the Court House of said county, and furnishing the same throughout, and to provide for submitting the question of raising by loan upon the bonds of said county such sums of money as they may deem necessary therefor, not to exceed the sum of \$800,000, to the vote of the electors of said county; and providing notice of such special meeting of said supervisors, and the mode of submitting the question of said loan to the vote of the electors of said county.

Very respectfully,
H. S. PINGREE,
Governor.

The message was ordered spread on the Journal.

The Speaker also announced the following:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Lansing, March 8, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I have this day approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State,

House bill No. 380, being

An act to establish the office of assistant treasurer for the county of Muskegon, naming his powers and duties, and fixing the salary thereof.

Respectfully,
H. S. PINGREE,
Governor.

The message was ordered spread on the Journal.

The Speaker also announced the following:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Lansing, March 8, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I have this day approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State,

House bill No. 622, being

An act prescribing the manner in which the city of Ionia may be incor-

porated under and be subject to the provisions of act No. 215 of the public acts of 1895 of the State of Michigan, entitled "An act to provide for the incorporation of cities of the fourth class."

Respectfully,

H. S. PINGREE,
Governor.

The message was ordered spread on the Journal.

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.

The Speaker announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER.
Lansing, March 7, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House the following bill:

House bill No. 370, entitled

A bill to authorize the city of Cheboygan to borrow money for the purpose of making public improvements in, and purchasing lands for parks for said city, and to issue its bonds for the payment of same.

In the passage of which the Senate has concurred by a majority vote of all the Senators elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect has ordered the same to take immediate effect.

Very respectfully,

CHARLES S. PIERCE,
Secretary of the Senate.

The bill was referred for enrollment and presentation to the Governor, under the rules.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER
Lansing, March 7, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House the following bill:

House bill No. 3 (file No. 1), entitled

A bill to provide for the assessment and levy of taxes upon the property of railroad companies, express companies, telegraph companies and telephone companies, and the collection thereof, and the designation and election of a State Board of Assessors to make such assessment and levy, and defining the duties of such board, and the compensation of its members, and to repeal all other acts or parts of acts, whether in the acts for the incorporation of union railroad station and depot grounds, or any other law of this State, so far as such act or parts of acts are inconsistent with this act, and no further, and to apply the taxes assessed and collected under this bill to "pay the interest upon the primary school, university and other educational funds, and the interest and principal of the State debt, other than amounts due to educational funds, when such taxes to be collected under this act shall be added to and constitute a part of the primary school interest fund."

And to inform the House that the Senate has amended the same, as follows:

other law of this State, so far as such act or parts of acts are inconsistent with this act, and no further, and to apply the taxes assessed and collected under this bill to "pay the interest upon the primary school, university and other educational funds, and the interest and principal of the State debt, other than amounts due to educational funds, when such taxes to be collected under this act shall be added to and constitute a part of the primary school interest fund."

Which had been reported as follows:

1. By striking out Section 1 and inserting in lieu thereof the following, to stand as Section 1:

Section 1. It shall be the duty of the Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, within five days after this act shall have been approved by the Governor, to appoint three resident freeholders of this State, who shall be duly qualified electors thereof, who shall constitute a State Board of Assessors, with powers and duties as prescribed under the provisions of this act. The Auditor General shall always, during his term of office, be president of said board, but shall have no power except as presiding officer of said board, unless expressly given herein. The persons so appointed shall hold their offices for the term of two years from and after January 15, 1899, or until their successors shall be appointed and have qualified. At the expiration of the terms of office of the members of said board their successors in office, so long as this act shall remain in force, shall be appointed by the Governor by and with the advice and consent of the Senate. All appointments which are provided to be made by the Governor by this section of this act shall be made while the legislature is in session, and not at any other time, except in cases where vacancies in office shall occur otherwise than by expiration of the term of office of any member of said board. In case of vacancy in office occurring otherwise than by expiration of the term the Governor shall have power to appoint to fill such vacancy at any time, and the persons so appointed shall hold office until the next meeting of the Legislature after their appointment and no longer.

2. By striking out of line 2 of section 2 the words twelve hundred, and inserting in lieu thereof the words eighteen hundred.

3. By striking out of lines 40 and 41 of section 12 the words "and of each office within this State."

4. By striking out section 13 and inserting in lieu thereof the following to stand as section 13:

Sec. 13. The franchises of the companies assessed under this act shall be considered in connection with the other things mentioned in section 5 of this act in determining the value of the property to be assessed, and in case any of said railroad companies own and operate railroads partly within and partly without this State, said board shall, for the purpose of taxation only, assess said company for the fair proportion which its property in this State bears to its entire property, and to ascertain such cash value the earning capacity of such corporate property may be considered.

5. By striking out section 14 and inserting in lieu thereof the following to stand as section 14:

Sec. 14. Said board shall ascertain and assess the value of all property

of railroad companies, express companies, telegraph and telephone companies doing business in this State at its true cash value, and in determining the property for such purposes in this State to be taxed within the State and assessed as herein provided, the board shall be guided by the value of said property as determined by the entire capital stock of said companies and such other evidence as will enable said board to arrive at the true cash value of the entire property of said companies within this State in the proportion which the same bears to the entire property of said company, as determined by the value of the capital stock thereof and such other evidence.

6. By striking out section 21 and inserting in lieu thereof the following to stand as section 21:

Sec. 21. If said corporation shall neglect or refuse to pay such tax on or before February 1, two per cent a month shall be added to such tax as a penalty and the Attorney General upon request of the Governor shall commence suit or proceedings in any court of competent jurisdiction to collect the tax and penalty by foreclosing the lien upon the real estate or corporate interests assessed.

7. By striking out of line 3 of section 22 the words "five thousand dollars," and inserting in lieu thereof the words "two thousand five hundred dollars."

The Speaker having stated the question,

Mr. Davis demanded the previous question.

The demand was seconded.

The question being shall the main question be now put,

The same was ordered.

The amendments made to the bill by the Senate were then concurred in by the House, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Aldrich	Mr. Gordon	Mr. Niedermeier
Alward	Gray	Oberdorffer
Anderson	Gustin	Pack
Babcock	Hammond	Pearson
Baumgaertner	Handy	Phillips
Brownell	Hart	Randall
Bryan	Hatzenbuehler	Read, J. H.
Burch	Heck	Reed, G. W.
Burdick	Heineman	Reed, W. A.
Burfoot	Herrig	Robinson
Buskirk	Hofmeister	Rulison
Carton	Howell	Schmidt
Chamberlain	Keep	Scully
Chandler	Kelly	Shisler
Cheever	Kerr	Soper
Colby	Kingott	Stewart
Collins	Laflamboy	Stumpfenhusen
Colvin	Locher	Sutherland
Crosby	Lugers	Taziman
Davis	Lusk	Van Camp

Mr. Dickinson	Mr. McCall	Mr. Waterbury
Dingley	McCallum	Watters
Doyle	McKay	Wayne
Dudley	McLean	Weier
Duff	McLeod	Wells
Eikhoff	Mason	Weter
Fleischhauer	Miller	Wheeler
Foster	Moore	Whitney
Gillam	Murdoch	Wing
Gillette	Murphy	Wood
Goodell	Nash	Woodruff
Goodrich	Nevins	Speaker
Goodyear		

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The bill was referred for enrollment and presentation to the Governor, under the rules.

BILLS PRESENTED TO THE GOVERNOR.

By the Clerk:

I have to report that I have this day enrolled, compared and presented to the Governor,

House bill No. 66, entitled

An act to authorize school district No. 1 of the township of Portage, in the county of Houghton, to borrow money and issue bonds therefor, for the erection and furnishing of a school building in said district.

In accordance with the rules and order of the House: the receipt for the same being dated 5:05 o'clock p. m., March 8, 1899.

LEWIS M. MILLER,
Clerk of the House.

By the Clerk:

I have to report that I have this day enrolled, compared and presented to the Governor,

House bill No. 296, entitled

An act to confer power and authority upon the common council of the village of Harbor Springs to extend the electric light plant of said village beyond its corporate limits, so as to light the Roaring Brook, Wequeton-sing, Harbor Point, Emmet Beach and Idlewild summer resorts, and to purchase and acquire property and to erect all proper and necessary structures in connection therewith. Also to have the power to fix the just and equitable rates as may be deemed advisable for supplying the inhabitants of said resorts with lights.

In accordance with the rules and order of the House: the receipt for the same being dated 5:08 o'clock p. m., March 8, 1899.

LEWIS M. MILLER,
Clerk of the House.

By the Clerk:

I have to report that I have this day enrolled, compared and presented to the Governor,

House bill No. 708, entitled

An act to provide for the submission to the qualified electors of the county of Montcalm, in the State of Michigan, the question of the relief of George Douglass, ex-treasurer of said county, from liability on account of the loss of county funds occasioned through the failure of the City National Bank of the city of Greenville, Michigan, and the bank of C. W. Chapin & Company of the city of Stanton, Michigan.

In accordance with the rules and order of the House: the receipt for the same being dated 5:08 o'clock p. m., March 8, 1899.

LEWIS M. MILLER,
Clerk of the House.

By the Clerk:

I have to report that I have this day enrolled, compared and presented to the Governor,

House bill No. 373, entitled

An act to authorize the common council of the city of Pontiac to provide that all the moneys collected in said city, under the provisions of act 198 of the session laws of 1877, as amended by act 179 of the session laws of 1895, in excess of the amounts required under the provisions of said act, to be paid to satisfy losses caused by the killing or injuring of sheep by dogs, may be used for the support and maintenance of a certain library in said city.

In accordance with the rules and order of the House: the receipt for the same being dated 10:20 o'clock a. m., March 9, 1899.

LEWIS M. MILLER,
Clerk of the House.

By the Clerk:

I have to report that I have this day enrolled, compared and presented to the Governor,

House bill No. 89, entitled

An act to amend section 4 of act No. 129 of the public acts of 1898, entitled "An act for the organization of telephone and messenger service companies," approved May 31, 1883, the same being section 6691 of the compiled laws of 1897.

In accordance with the rules and order of the House: the receipt for the same being dated 10:20 o'clock a. m., March 9, 1899.

LEWIS M. MILLER,
Clerk of the House.

By the Clerk:

I have to report that I have this day enrolled, compared and presented to the Governor,

House bill No. 916, entitled

An act to allow the village of Capac, in the county of St. Clair and State of Michigan, to borrow money and issue bonds in the sum of not exceeding 12 per cent of the assessed valuation of said village, as shown by the last preceding tax roll, to be used exclusively for the purpose of purchasing, constructing and maintaining water works, as provided in act No. 3 of the session laws of 1895.

In accordance with the rules and order of the House: the receipt for the same being dated 10:20 o'clock a. m., March 9, 1899.

LEWIS M. MILLER,
Clerk of the House.

By the Clerk:

I have to report that I have this day enrolled, compared and presented to the Governor,

House bill No. 734, entitled

An act to change the boundaries of school district numbers 1 and 3 in the township of Union, county of Isabella, and State of Michigan.

In accordance with the rules and orders of the House: the receipt for the same being dated 10:20 o'clock a. m., March 9, 1899.

LEWIS M. MILLER,
Clerk of the House.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS.

No. 169. By Mr. McCall: Petition of the faculties of various colleges and schools in the State, asking for the enactment of a law prohibiting saloons within three miles of schools.

Referred to the committee on Liquor Traffic.

No. 170. By Mr. McCall: Petition from faculty and students of Olivet College, asking for the passage of a law prohibiting saloons within three miles of schools.

Referred to the committee on Liquor Traffic.

No. 171. By Mr. Stewart: Petition of Thos Cooke and others, asking that the game laws be amended.

Referred to the committee on Fisheries and Game.

No. 172. By Mr. Stewart: Petition of S. Adams and others, asking that the game laws be amended.

Referred to the committee on Fisheries and Game.

No. 173. By Mr. Stewart: Petition of Ira A. Leighley and others, asking that the game laws be amended.

Referred to the committee on Fisheries and Game.

No. 174. By Mr. Burdick: Petition of Helena Grange, No. 676, asking for the enactment of the "anti-color" law.

Referred to the committee on State Affairs.

No. 175. By Mr. Doyle: Petition of Dewitt Grange, No. 459, asking for the enactment of the "anti-color" law.

No. 176. By Mr. Wing: Petition of Prairieville Grange, No. 256, asking for the enactment of the "anti-color" law.

No. 177. By Mr. Moore: Petition of F. J. Husel and 61 others, for permission to fish with seines in Pine river, St. Clair county, during the months of March, April and May.

Referred to the committee on Fisheries and Game.

No. 178. By Mr. Wood: Petition of Monitor Grange, No. 553, asking for the enactment of the "anti-color" law.

Referred to the committee on State Affairs.

No. 179. By Mr. Wood: Petition of Arcada Grange, No. 500, asking for the enactment of the "anti-color" law.

Referred to the committee on State Affairs.

No. 180. By Mr. Keep: Petition of C. C. Smith and others, asking that the game laws be amended.

Referred to the committee on Fisheries and Game.

No. 181. By Mr. Babcock: Petition of Sherwood Grange, No. 96, asking for the enactment of the "anti-color" law.

Referred to the committee on State Affairs.

No. 182. By Mr. Mason: Remonstrance of W. B. Mattison and 25 others against detaching certain territory from school district No. 1 of the township of Burns, Shiawassee county.

Referred to the committee on Education.

No. 183. By Mr. Van Camp: Petition of Millburg Grange, No. 729, asking for the enactment of the "anti-color" law.

Referred to the committee on State Affairs.

No. 184. By Mr. Shisler: Petition of Paris Grange, No. 19, asking for the passage of the "anti-color" law.

Mr. Kelly moved that the rules be suspended, and that the House take up the tenth order of business, viz.: Motions and resolutions.

Pending discussion of which,

Mr. Lusk moved that there be a call of the House.

Mr. Chamberlain moved that the motion that there be a call of the House do lie on the table.

On which motion,

Mr. Lusk demanded the yeas and nays.

The demand was seconded, and the motion did not prevail, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Alward	Mr. Fleischhauer	Mr. Pearson
Brownell	Foster	Phillips
Bryan	Goodyear	Read, J. H.
Burdick	Handy	Reed, G. W.
Burfoot	Howell	Robinson
Buskirk	Kerr	Rulison
Chamberlain	Laflamboy	Soper
Collins	Lugers	Van Camp
Colvin	McCall	Wells
Doyle	McKay	Weter
Dudley	Mason	Speaker

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Mr. Aldrich	Mr. Hammond	Mr. Niedermeier
Anderson	Hart	Oberdorffer
Babcock	Hatzenbuhler	Pack
Baumgärtner	Heck	Randall
Burch	Heineman	Reed, W. A.
Carton	Herrig	Schmidt
Chandler	Hofmeister	Scully
Cheever	Keep	Shisler
Colby	Kelly	Stewart
Crosby	Kingott	Stumpenhusen
Davis	Locher	Sutherland
Dingley	Lusk	Taziman
Duff	McCallum	Waterbury
Eikhoff	McLean	Watters
Gillam	McLeod	Wayne

Mr. Gillette
Goodell
Goodrich
Gordon
Gray
Gustin

Mr. Miller
Murdoch
Murphy
Nash
Nevins

Mr. Weier
Wheeler
Wing
Wood
Woodruff

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The motion that there be a call of the House,
Then prevailed.

PROCEEDINGS UNDER THE CALL.

The roll of the House was called by the Clerk, and the following member reported absent without leave: Mr. Whitney.

Mr. Cheever moved that all further proceedings under the call be dispensed with.

Which motion,

On motion of Mr. Chamberlain,
Was laid on the table.

Mr. Scully moved that the motion that the rules be suspended and the tenth order of business be taken up do lie on the table.

Which motion did not prevail.

The motion that rules be suspended and the tenth order of business be taken up, did not then prevail, two-thirds of the members present not voting therefor.

Mr. Colby moved that the rules be suspended and that the committee of the whole be discharged from the further consideration of

House bill No. 20 (file No. 21), entitled

A bill to amend sections 1 and 5 of act number 120 of the Public Acts of 1893, approved May 25, 1893, entitled "An act to amend sections 1 and 5 of act number 25 of the public acts of 1887," approved March 9, 1887, entitled "An act to provide for three additional circuit judges for the third judicial circuit," so as to provide one other additional circuit judge for the third judicial circuit.

Which motion did not prevail, two-thirds of all the members present not voting therefor.

On motion of Mr. Phillips,

All further proceedings under the call were dispensed with.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

By the committee on Roads and Bridges:

The committee on Roads and Bridges, to whom was referred
House bill No. 641, entitled

A bill to amend section 7, of act No. 149, of the public acts of 1893, entitled "An act to provide for a county and township system of roads, and to prescribe the powers and duties of the officers having charge thereof," as amended by act No. 251 of the public acts of 1897.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, without

amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

S. C. GOODYEAR,

Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on Roads and Bridges:

The committee on Roads and Bridges, to whom was referred

Senate Joint Resolution No. 181 (file No. 37), entitled

Joint Resolution proposing an amendment to Section 49 of Article 4 of the constitution of this State, relative to the laying out, construction, improvement and maintenance of highways, bridges and culverts by counties and townships.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

S. C. GOODYEAR,

Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

Pending the order that the joint resolution be printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order,

On motion of Mr. Herrig,

The rules were suspended, two-thirds of all the members present voting therefor, and the joint resolution was put upon its immediate passage.

The joint resolution was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Aldrich	Mr. Gustin	Mr. Niedermeier
Alward	Handy	Pack
Anderson	Hatzenbuhler	Pearson
Babcock	Heineman	Randall
Baumgaertner	Herrig	Read, J. H.
Bryan	Hofmeister	Reed, G. W.
Burch	Howell	Reed, W. A.
Burdick	Keep	Robinson
Burfoot	Kelly	Rulison
Buskirk	Kerr	Schmidt
Carton	Kingott	Scully
Chamberlain	Laflamboy	Shisler
Chandler	Locher	Soper
Cheever	Lugers	Stewart
Colby	Lusk	Stumpenhusen
Collins	McCall	Sutherland
Dickinson	McCallum	Taziman
Dingley	McKay	Watters
Doyle	McLean	Weier
Dudley	McLeod	Wells

Mr. Eikhoff
Fleischhauer
Gillette
Goodell
Goodrich
Goodyear
Gordon
Gray

Mr. Mason
Miller
Moore
Murdoch
Murphy
Nash
Nevins

Weter
Wheeler
Whitney
Wing
Wood
Woodruff
Speaker

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Mr. Colvin

Mr. Hammond

Mr. Waterbury

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Herrig,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the joint resolution was ordered to take immediate effect.

The following is the joint resolution:

Joint resolution proposing an amendment to section 49 of article 4 of the constitution of this State, relative to the laying out, construction, improvement and maintenance of highways, bridges and culverts by counties and townships.

Resolved by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the State of Michigan, That an amendment to section 49 of article 4 of the constitution of this State be and the same is hereby proposed, to read as follows:

Section 49. The Legislature may provide for the laying out, construction (improvement) and maintenance of highways, bridges and culverts by counties and townships, and may authorize counties to take charge and control of any highways within their limits for such purposes; and may modify, change or abolish the powers and duties of township commissioners and overseers of the highways. But the tax raised in any one year shall not exceed two dollars upon each one thousand dollars valuation, according to the assessment roll of the county for the preceding year. The Legislature may also prescribe the powers and duties of boards of supervisors in relation to highways, bridges and culverts, and may provide for one or more county road commissioners to be elected by the people with such powers and duties as may be prescribed by law.

No county shall incur indebtedness for such purposes in excess of 3 per cent of the valuation, according to the last assessment roll, and no such indebtedness beyond one-half of 1 per cent of such valuation shall be incurred unless authorized by a majority of the electors of said county voting thereon: Provided, That any county road system provided by law shall not go into operation in any county until the electors of said county, by a majority vote, have declared in favor of adopting the county road system. Be it further

Resolved, That said amendment shall be submitted to the people of this State at the election to be held on the first Monday of April, 1899, and the Secretary of State is hereby required to give notice of the same to the sheriffs of the several counties in this State at least fifteen days prior

to said election. And it shall be the duty of the several boards of election commissioners, in the several counties of this State, in preparing the ballots to be used at such election, to have printed thereon the words, "Amendment to the constitution relative to the laying out, construction, improvement and maintenance of highways, bridges and culverts by counties and townships," and below the same, upon the ballot, shall be placed, in separate lines, the words "Yes" and "No," and each elector shall designate his vote by a cross mark placed opposite the word "Yes" or the word "No." The manner of voting shall conform to the provisions of act No. 190 of the public acts of 1891, entitled "An act to prescribe the manner of conducting and to prevent fraud and deception at elections in this State." The ballots shall in all respects be canvassed, and returns made, as in general elections of State officers; and be it further

Resolved, That all provisions of act No. 190 of the public acts of 1891, so far as the same relate to the time required for the Secretary of State to give notice of the same to the sheriffs of the several counties, shall not be applicable to this joint resolution.

By the committee on Judiciary:

The committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred

Senate Joint Resolution No. 76 (File No. 27), entitled

Joint resolution to amend sections 1, 5, 8, 10, 12, 14, 15, 19 and 20, of article 6 of the constitution of this State, relative to the judicial department.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

HENRY M. CHEEVER,
Acting Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

Pending the order that the joint resolution be printed, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

On motion of Mr. Carton,

The rules were suspended, two-thirds of all the members present voting therefor, and the joint resolution was put upon its immediate passage.

The joint resolution having been read a third time and the question being upon its passage, pending the taking of the vote thereon,

Mr. Crosby moved that the joint resolution be amended by striking out in line 2, section 8, the words "and criminal."

Pending discussion,

The motion to amend was withdrawn.

The question being on the passage of the joint resolution,

The joint resolution was then passed, two-thirds of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Aldrich
Alward
Anderson
Baumgaertner

Mr. Goodrich
Gordon
Gray
Gustin

Mr. Miller
Moore
Murdoch
Murphy

Mr. Bryan	Mr. Hammond	Mr. Oberdorffer
Burch	Handy	Pearson
Burdick	Hart	Phillips
Burfoot	Hatzenbuhler	Read, J. H.
Carton	Heck	Reed, G. W.
Chamberlain	Heineman	Robinson
Chandler	Herrig	Rulison
Cheever	Hofmeister	Schmidt
Colby	Howell	Scully
Collins	Keep	Soper
Crosby	Kelly	Stewart
Davis	Kerr	Van Camp
Dickinson	Laflamboy	Waterbury
Dingley	Locher	Watters
Doyle	Lugers	Wayne
Dudley	Lusk	Weier
Duff	McCall	Wells
Eikhoff	McCallum	Weter
Fleischhauer	McKay	Whitney
Gillam	McLean	Wood
Gillette	McLeod	Speaker

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NAYS.

Mr. Buskirk	Mr. Pack	Mr. Stumpfenhusen
Goodell	Randall	Sutherland
Kingott	Reed, W. A.	Taziman
Nash	Shisler	Wheeler
Nevins		

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The following is the joint resolution:

Joint resolution to amend sections 1, 5, 8, 10, 12, 14, 15, 19 and 20 of article 6 of the constitution of this State, relative to the judicial department.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Michigan, That the following amendments to the constitution of this State be and the same are hereby proposed—that is to say, that section 1, article 6, section 5, article 6, section 8, article 6, section 10, article 6, section 12, article 6, section 14, article 6, section 15, article 6, section 19, article 6, and section 20, article 6, of said constitution, be amended so as to read as follows:

Section 1. The judicial power is vested in one supreme court, in one intermediate court (which intermediate court shall have such jurisdiction and powers as may be prescribed by the Legislature), in circuit courts, in probate courts and in justices of the peace. Municipal courts of civil and criminal jurisdiction may be established by the Legislature in cities.

Section 5. The supreme court shall, by a general rule, establish, modify and amend the practice in such court, and in the intermediate, circuit and probate courts, and simplify the same. The Legislature shall, as far

as practicable, abolish distinctions between law and equity proceedings. The office of master in chancery is prohibited.

Section 8. The intermediate court shall have such appellate jurisdiction in all matters civil and criminal, from all circuit courts and other inferior courts and tribunals, and supervisory control of the same, as may be prescribed by law. The circuit courts shall have original jurisdiction in all matters civil and criminal not excepted in this constitution and not prohibited by law, and appellate jurisdiction from all inferior courts and tribunals and a supervisory control of the same. The intermediate and circuit courts shall also have power to issue writs of habeas corpus, mandamus, injunction, quo warranto, certiorari and other writs necessary to carry into effect their orders, judgments and decrees, and give them general control over inferior courts and tribunals within their respective jurisdictions, and in all such other cases and matters as the supreme court shall by rule prescribe.

Section 10. The supreme and intermediate courts may each appoint a reporter of its decisions. The decisions of the supreme court and intermediate court shall be in writing, and signed by the judges concurring therein. Any judge dissenting therefrom shall give the reason of such dissent in writing, under his signature. All such opinions shall be filed in the office of the clerk of such supreme court and intermediate court, respectively. The judges of the circuit courts, within their respective jurisdictions, may appoint a stenographer, and may fill vacancies in the office of county clerk and prosecuting attorney, but no judge of the supreme, intermediate, or circuit courts shall exercise any other power of appointment to public office, except as provided for above, and in section 12 of this article.

Section 12. The clerk of each county organized for judicial purposes shall be clerk of the circuit court of such county. The supreme and intermediate courts shall each have power to appoint a clerk for their respective courts and such other officers as may be necessary in the preparation of their said opinions and to carry into effect their judgments, decrees and orders.

Section 14. When a vacancy occurs in the office of judge of the supreme, intermediate, circuit or probate courts, it shall be filled by appointment of the Governor, which shall continue until his successor is elected and qualified. When elected, such successor shall hold his office the residue of the unexpired term.

Section 15. The supreme and intermediate courts, and circuit and probate courts of each county, shall be courts of record, and shall each have a common seal.

Section 19. Judges of the supreme and intermediate courts, circuit judges and justices of the peace, shall be conservators of the peace within their respective jurisdictions.

Section 20. The first election of judges of the circuit courts shall be held on the first Monday in April, 1851, and every six years thereafter. The first election of judges of the intermediate court shall be held on the first Monday in April, 1901, and for one judge of said intermediate court shall be so classified that but one of them shall go out of office at the same time. The Governor shall appoint judges of such intermediate court, who shall hold their respective offices until their successors are elected and qualified. Whenever an additional circuit

court is created, provision shall be made to hold the subsequent elections of such additional judges at the regular elections herein provided.

Be it further Resolved, That said amendments shall be submitted to the people of the State of Michigan at the next spring election on the first Monday of April in the year 1899, and the Secretary of State is hereby required to give notice of the same to the sheriffs of the several counties of this State, the time prior to said election required by law; and the said sheriffs are hereby required to give the several notices required by law. Each person voting for said amendments shall have written or printed on his ballot, as then provided by law, the words: "Amendments to the constitution relative to the judicial department—Yes;" and each person voting against said amendments shall have on his ballot in like manner: "Amendments to the constitution relative to the judicial department—No." The ballots shall in all respects be canvassed and returns made as in general elections of State officers.

By the committee on Military Affairs:

The committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred
House bill No. 439, entitled

A bill to provide for the presentation of bronze medals to the soldiers and sailors from Michigan who enlisted and served in the Spanish-American war, and in certain cases to the relatives of such soldiers and sailors who perished in said service, and to certain other persons.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, without amendment and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

C. C. PHILLIPS,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was referred to the committee on Ways and Means, under the rules.

By the committee on Military Affairs:

The committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred
House bill No. 431, entitled

A bill to amend section 1 of act 78 of public acts of 1887, being an act entitled "An act to prevent persons from unlawfully using or wearing the badge of the Grand Army of the Republic in this State, or of the Loyal Legion of the United States," being section 4859p of Howell's annotated statutes.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House with amendments thereto, recommending that the amendments be concurred in, and that the bill when so amended do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

C. C. PHILLIPS,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The question being on concurring in the amendments made by the committee to the bill.

The House concurred.

The bill was then ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on Military Affairs:

The committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred
House bill No. 273, entitled

A bill to authorize and direct the Quartermaster General to effect suitable insurance on military arms, stores and equipment, including all military property belonging to the State of Michigan.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House with amendments thereto, recommending that the amendments be concurred in, and that the bill when so amended do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

C. C. PHILLIPS,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The question being on concurring in the amendments made by the committee to the bill,

The House concurred.

Pending the order that the bill be printed, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order,

Mr. Phillips moved that the rules be suspended, and that the bill be put upon its immediate passage.

Which motion did not prevail, two-thirds of all the members present not voting therefor.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on Soldiers' Home:

The committee on Soldiers' Home respectfully submit to the House the following report of its investigations into the conditions and needs of that institution: We visited the Home on March 3, and made careful investigation thereof.

There are at present seven hundred and ninety-five members on the roll call, for the support of which the government provides annually for each member one hundred dollars.

We are pleased to report that we find the management to be excellent in every particular; the buildings and their surroundings, including park, water power and cemetery, to be in the best of condition.

The management are asking for appropriations for improvements, as follows:

First, For the Woman's building, a kitchen, dining room and basement;

Second, For a set of new boilers, the present ones having done service since the Home was built;

Third, For an enlargement of the hospital, including a small chapel and a morgue, which will be in connection with the hospital building.

The committee believe the improvements asked for by the board to be an absolute necessity, and we recommend that the appropriations asked for be granted.

D. JUDSON HAMMOND,
Chairman.

PETER HERRIG.
A. E. STEWART.
H. M. SCHMIDT.
GEO. L. WHEELER.

Report accepted.

By the committee on Private Corporations:

The committee on Private Corporations, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 21 (file No. 2), entitled

A bill to amend section 1 of act No. 230 of the public acts of 1897, entitled "An act to provide for the formation of corporations for the purpose of owning, maintaining and improving lands and other property kept for the purpose of summer resorts, or for ornament, recreation or amusement, and to repeal all laws or parts of laws in conflict herewith."

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, without amendment and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

S. H. McCALL,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on Ways and Means:

The committee on Ways and Means, to whom was referred House bill No. 608, entitled

A bill for appropriating money to provide for the dyking and cleaning of Grand river, in the city of Jackson, from the south line of the Michigan State Prison grounds to the northern limits of such city, in order to remove accumulations of sewage from such stream, deposited from drainage from such prison, and to provide for a more thorough and safe system of sewerage for such State Prison.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to request of the House that the bill be printed for the use of the committee.

GEO. L. LUSK,
Chairman.

Report accepted.

The question being on ordering the bill printed for the use of the committee,

The House so ordered.

By the committee on Ways and Means:

The committee on Ways and Means, to whom was referred House bill No. 363, entitled

A bill appropriating money for improvements and repairs at the Michigan State Prison at Jackson, and improving the sewerage in Grand river.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to request of the House that the bill be printed for the use of the committee.

GEO. L. LUSK,
Chairman.

Report accepted.

The question being on ordering the bill printed for the use of the committee,

The House so ordered.

By the committee on Ways and Means:

The committee on Ways and Means, to whom was referred

House bill No. 362, entitled

A bill appropriating money for the use of the Michigan Asylum for Dangerous and Criminal Insane.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to request of the House that the bill be printed for the use of the committee.

GEO. L. LUSK,
Chairman.

Report accepted

The question being on ordering the bill printed for the use of the committee,

The House so ordered.

By the committee on Ways and Means:

The committee on Ways and Means, to whom was referred

House bill No. 53, entitled

A bill to provide for the appointment of a State Inspector of Apiaries, and for the suppression of foul brood among bees.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to request of the House that the bill be printed for the use of the committee.

GEO. L. LUSK,
Chairman.

Report accepted.

The question being on ordering the bill printed for the use of the committee,

The House so ordered.

By the committee on Village Corporations:

The committee on Village Corporations, to whom was referred

House bill No. 1038, entitled

A bill to incorporate the village of Sunfield, in the county of Eaton.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

G. W. REED,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

Pending the order that the bill be printed, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order,

On motion of Mr. Soper,

The rules were suspended, two-thirds of all the members present voting therefor, and the bill was put upon its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Aldrich
Alward
Anderson

Mr. Gustin
Hammond
Handy

Mr. Oberdorffer
Pack
Pearson

Mr. Babcock	Mr. Hart	Mr. Randall
Brownell	Hatzenbuhler	Reed, W. A.
Burch	Heck	Robinson
Burdick	Heineman	Rulison
Burfoot	Herrig	Schmidt
Buskirk	Laflamboy	Shisler
Carton	Locher	Soper
Chandler	Lugers	Stumpenhusen
Cheever	Lusk	Sutherland
Colby	McCallum	Taziman
Davis	McKay	Van Camp
Dudley	McLean	Waterbury
Duff	McLeod	Watters
Eikhoff	Mason	Weier
Fleischhauer	Miller	Wells
Gillette	Moore	Weter
Goodell	Murdoch	Wheeler
Goodrich	Murphy	Whitney
Goodyear	Nash	Wood
Gordon	Nevins	Speaker <i>pro tem.</i>
Gray	Niedermeier	

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Soper,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

By the committee on General Taxation:

The committee on General Taxation, to whom was referred

House bill No. 248, entitled

A bill to amend sections 127, 128, 129, 130, 131 and 134 of act No. 206 of the public acts of 1893, being an act to provide for the assessment of property and the levy and collection of taxes thereon, and for the collection of taxes heretofore and hereafter levied, making such tax a lien on the lands taxed, establishing and continuing such lien, providing for the sale and conveyance of lands delinquent for taxes, and for the inspection and disposition of lands bid off to the State and not redeemed or purchased, and to repeal act No. 200 of the public acts of 1891, and all other acts and parts of acts in anywise contravening any of the provisions of this act as amended by act No. 154 of the public acts of 1895.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to request of the House that the bill be printed for the use of the committee.

H. J. DUDLEY,
Chairman.

Report accepted.

The question being on ordering the bill printed for the use of the committee,

The House so ordered.

By the committee on Labor:

The committee on Labor, to whom was referred

House bill No. 486, entitled

A bill to regulate the practice of horseshoeing in the State of Michigan.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House with amendments thereto, recommending that the amendments be concurred in, and that the bill when so amended do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

EDMUND BURFOOT,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on State Affairs:

The committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred

House bill No. 444, entitled

A bill to prevent and punish deception in the manufacture and sale of oleomargarine, process butter, imitation butter, or butterine.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to request of the House that the bill be printed for the use of the committee.

HENRY L. WOOD,
Chairman.

Report accepted.

The question being on ordering the bill printed for the use of the committee,

The House so ordered.

By the committee on State Affairs:

The committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred

House joint resolution No. 1164, entitled

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to section 15 of article 4 of the constitution of the State of Michigan, relative to the legislative department.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House with amendments thereto, recommending that the amendments be concurred in, and that the bill when so amended do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

HENRY L. WOOD,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The question being on concurring in the amendments made by the committee to the joint resolution,

The House concurred.

The joint resolution was then ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on Education:

The committee on Education, to whom was referred

House bill No. 103, entitled

A bill to repeal act No. 198 of the public acts of 1897, entitled "An act to create a board of commissioners for the purpose of securing for use in certain of the common or primary schools of the State of Michigan a uniform series of text-books, to fix the maximum price to be charged for

said books and to make an appropriation for carrying out the provisions of this act."

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

J. W. SHISLER,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on Education:

The committee on Education, to whom was referred

House bill No. 166, entitled

A bill to amend sections 6 and 7 of act No. 53 of the public acts of 1877, entitled "An act to provide for the better support of teachers' institutes and to repeal sections 3789, 3790 and 3791 of the compiled laws of 1871," said sections 6 and 7 being sections 4844 and 4845 of the compiled laws of 1897.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

J. W. SHISLER,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was referred to the committee on Ways and Means, under the rules.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

By the special joint committee on matters of Taxation:

Your joint committee on private corporations, general taxation and railroads, with Representatives Cheever, Scully and Weier added thereto, to whom was referred, among other matters, the question as to amendments to the general tax law, beg leave to report as follows:

That upon the organization of said joint committee a sub-committee was appointed to whom was delegated the duty of drafting amendments and bills relative to general taxation, which sub-committee have reported to the joint committee the following bills:

House bill No. 978, entitled

A bill to amend section 18 of an act entitled "An act to provide for the assessment of property and the levy and collection of taxes thereon, and for the collection of taxes heretofore and hereafter levied; making such taxes a lien on the lands taxed, establishing and continuing such lien, providing for the sale and conveyance of lands delinquent for taxes and for the inspection and disposing of lands bid off to the State and not redeemed or purchased; and to repeal act No. 200 of the public acts of 1891 and all other acts and parts of acts in anywise contravening any of the provisions of this act," approved June 1, 1893.

For which the sub-comm'ttee have reported a substitute, entitled

A bill to amend section 18 of an act entitled "An act to provide for the assessment of property and the levy and collection of taxes thereon, and for the collection of taxes heretofore and hereafter levied; making such taxes a lien on the lands taxed, establishing and continuing such lien, providing for the sale and conveyance of lands delinquent for taxes and for the inspection and disposing of lands bid off to the State and not redeemed or purchased; and to repeal act No. 200 of the public acts of 1891 and all other acts and parts of acts in anywise contravening any of the provisions of this act," approved June 1, 1893.

Which substitute your committee have had under advisement, and recommend that the substitute be concurred in, and that the substitute do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Also,

House bill No. 118 (file No. 13), entitled

A bill to provide for the assessment and levy of taxes upon the property of railroad companies, express companies, telegraph companies and telephone companies and the collection thereof, and for the assessment and levy and collection of taxes upon shares in all other corporations organized under the laws of this State and in banks organized under the laws of the United States, and to create a State Board of Assessors and to define the duties and powers of said board, and to provide for the election of members of said board and for their compensation, and to repeal all other acts or parts of acts in so far as such acts or parts of acts are inconsistent with this act, and to declare the purposes to which taxes levied upon the property of railroad, express, telegraph and telephone companies shall be applied, and to require taxpayers to file sworn statements of their property.

For which the sub-committee have reported a substitute, entitled

A bill to provide for the assessment and levy and collection of taxes upon shares in all corporations, except railroads, telegraphs, telephone and express companies, and except all corporations now expressly exempt from taxation, organized under the laws of this State, and in banks organized under the laws of the United States, and to repeal all acts or parts of acts in so far such acts or parts of acts are inconsistent with this act, and to require taxpayers of such corporations to file sworn statements of their property.

Which substitute your special joint committee have directed me to report to the House without recommendation, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of all tax matters submitted to them.

The report of the sub-committee is hereto attached, and is made a part of this report.

LYMAN H. McCALL,
Chairman of Joint Committee.

To Hon. L. H. McCall,

Chairman Special Committee on Taxation:

Sir—Your sub-committee, to whom was referred the matter of considering the subject of general taxation in this State, and with directions to report as to whether any amendments are desirable, beg leave to say that they have had the same under consideration and have given it such attention as the limited time at their disposal has permitted.

We find, first, that the real estate for the most part is assessed and valued far below its market worth, notwithstanding the requirement of the statute providing that such valuation be placed at the true market value and not at the price it would bring at forced sale. This requirement seems to be disregarded, and while some parcels may be assessed fairly up to their value, large amounts of other property that could bear a higher valuation, are placed at from thirty-three to fifty cents on the dollar.

Second, We find that the criticisms in respect to real estate will apply with still great force to personal property.

This is especially true of the personal property belonging to corporations. Apart from the personal property belonging to the farming communities there is a large percentage owned by corporations, and the assessing officers in the respective localities seem to treat with tender regard the amount of taxes which they may be required to pay. Hence, the real value of their personal property is disregarded, and upon some basis, amounting to a guess, a gross sum is put down to cover that item, this sum being absurdly below the worth of the property, and indeed seems to be fixed without regard to such worth.

Third, By far the largest abuse under present conditions is the failure on the part of the assessing officers to list for taxation a large amount of personal property which do not appear upon the rolls at any price. This failure is not due so much to faulty laws as to the failure of the assessing officers to do their duty. In other states we have found that the law is substantially complied with and the result of placing upon the rolls a vast amount of property which entirely escapes taxation in this State.

We believe that no perfect remedy for these abuses can come without radical change in our statute. The supervisors of each community seem to be chiefly interested in keeping down the amount of their rolls, and there is no suitable central body to see to it not only that individual properties are placed at the valuation required by law, but to equalize the assessments between the different localities of the county or city. This in other states is avoided through having a county assessor who is given the power and whose duty it is to regulate individual valuations throughout his county and see to it that the several supervisors or assessors shall perform their sworn duty, having that assurance that all other townships and wards are being treated in like manner. The result is that while the amount of property going upon the rolls is vastly increased, the rate of taxation is considerably lowered and more equal justice is done to all concerned.

Your committee is not able in the time given to propose a complete plan for reforming the tax laws of the State as a whole, but they have decided to suggest certain minor reforms which, if adopted and honestly carried out, should, to some extent, correct existing abuses.

Your committee has taken the pains to ascertain the amount of real and personal property owned by a considerable number of the larger corporations of the State, the amount of their indebtedness, the net balance which should stand for taxation and the actual amount at which their property is appraised. We beg to attach hereto a list of some of those incidences which will better illustrate than any statement we can make, the glaring abuses which by some means should be remedied.

We have also found that a large number of corporations are making profits on their business entirely out of proportion to the amount of property owned by them, so that the real worth of their capital stock is not gauged by the tangible property which the corporation owns. We, therefore, recommend and submit to your committee a bill which has for its purpose the valuation of the personal property of corporations upon the value of their capital stock. This method has been in force in the State for some years as to bank shares, and is found to work admirably. There is probably no personal property in the State which pays so nearly upon a true basis as bank capital, and there seems no reason why a like plan should not be applied with respect to the shares of other corporations, such as manufacturing, mining and other corporations of a like nature. To illustrate, certain large mining corporations may have in sight but a small amount of personal property, and consequently but a small sum goes upon the roll. The real estate is assessed, but the amount of such assessment, together with other amounts given for personal, furnish no adequate measure of the real value of the corporate assets. This is ascertained by the market value of its shares, and we believe such valuation is the scientific basis upon which to levy the taxes.

We also beg leave to suggest an amendment to section 18 of the general tax law, which changes the present law in respect to the statements to be furnished by property owners. Instead of leaving the matter in the discretion of the assessing officers as to those statements, we think that statement should be a matter of compulsion and that the statement when made, signed and sworn to, should be filed in the office of the county clerk and become a permanent and public record. We also believe that a more sweeping reform should be brought about in respect to the assessing of real estate, to be remedied, perhaps, by providing a county assessor with duties substantially as suggested heretofore.

In closing this report, your committee wishes to apologize for the insufficient facts and data it has been able to present. This was due, not to the lack of diligence, but to a lack of time.

Taxation in Michigan is not, as a rule, high or burdensome. But the system, if ever good, has, through the growth of the State, become entirely unsuited to present conditions. Without indicating any definite plan, we are satisfied that there should be some central governing power whose duty it should be to take into account the entire property of the State of all classes, and who should have supervisory control over assessing officers. We have seen that the latter, under the influence of local pressure, are unwilling or unable to do their duty according to the letter of the law. Some power should be provided which would compel them to do so, and no such machinery is to be found among our statutes.

In 1869 the Auditor General undertook to obtain throughout the State the actual value of the real and personal property. For the purpose he obtained statistics of actual sales in the different parts of the State during a period preceding, and upon comparison with the assessed valuation of the same parcels he found that the actual value as shown by the consideration when sold was three times that of the assessed value. The work of the Auditor is shown in his report of 1870. A simple inquiry at this time would be simple and inexpensive, and would to some

extent fortify the opinion of your committee along the line we have laid down.

H. J. DUDLEY.

Chairman Sub-Committee.

CHARLES E. WHITNEY.

BURTON L. HART.

HENRY M. CHEEVER.

To Hon. L. H. McCall, Chairman Joint Committee:

Sir—We herewith submit supplemental report presenting a comparison between the sworn statements of the value of the property of certain corporations of this State as compared with the assessed value of those corporations, sworn statements having been secured from the files and records in the office of the Secretary of State, and the assessed value having been found in the tax rolls now in possession and in the hands of the county treasurers in which the corporations referred to are located.

The Durant-Dort Carriage Company, Flint, Mich.
Sworn Statement.

Real estate.....	\$22,400 00
Personal estate.....	107,700 61
Credits	157,732 71
Total assets.....	\$287,833 32
Debts—nothing.	
Assessed:	
Real estate.....	24,500 00
Personal	14,300 00
Total assessment.....	\$38,800 00

W. A. Paterson Company, Flint, Mich.
Sworn Statement.

Real estate.....	\$31,018 09
Personal estate.....	42,143 37
Credits	110,978 24
Total debts.....	18,881 50
Net assets.....	\$166,256 20
Assessed:	
Real estate.....	20,000 00
Personal estate.....	17,000 00
Total	\$37,000 00

Saginaw Dry Goods Company, Saginaw, Mich.
Sworn Statement.

Real estate.....	\$2,604 57
Personal	90,836 26

Credits	\$38,026 69
Total assets.....	\$131,467 52
Debts	51,936 09
Net assets.....	\$79,531 43
Assessed at \$15,000 00.	

Butters & Peters, Salt and Lumber, Ludington, Mich.
Sworn Statement.

Real estate.....	\$35,000 00
Personal estate.....	157,749 07
Credits	7,250 93
Total assets.....	\$200,000 00
Liabilities, none.	
Assessed:	
Real estate.....	45,000 00
Personal estate	14,000 00
Total assessment.....	\$59,000 00

Ludington Woodenware Company.
Sworn Statement.

Real estate.....	\$12,429 19
Personal estate.....	8,837 98
Credits	4,200 71
Total assets.....	\$25,467 88
Liabilities	5,588 19
Net assets.....	\$19,879 69
Assessed:	
Real estate.....	5,500 00
Personal estate.....	1,500 00

Grand Rapids Brewing Company.
Sworn Statement.

Real estate.....	\$214,882 25
Personal estate.....	108,635 68
Credits	62,581 86
Liabilities	52,499 47
Net assets.....	\$333,600 32
Assessed at \$90,000.00.	

**Lansing Wagon Works, Lansing, Mich.
Sworn Statement.**

Real estate.....	\$48,395 00
Personal estate.....	87,730 08
Credits	30,374 03
Liabilities	59,313 30
Net assets.....	<u>\$107,185 81</u>
Assessed:	
Real estate.....	20,000 00
Personal estate.....	15,000 00
Total assessment.....	<u>\$35,000 00</u>

**Ludington Stave & Heading Co.
Sworn Statement.**

Real estate.....	\$15,947 33
Personal estate.....	19,379 66
Credits	8,822 80
Liabilities	19,212 88
Net assets.....	<u>\$24,926 91</u>
Assessed:	
Real estate.....	2,000 00
Personal	4,000 00
Total	<u>\$6,000 00</u>

**Saginaw Brewing Company, Saginaw, Mich.
Sworn Statement.**

Real estate.....	\$25,000 00
Personal estate.....	27,893 88
Credits	4,437 80
Total assets.....	<u>\$57,331 68</u>
Liabilities, nothing.	
Assessed:	
Real estate.....	9,000 00
Personal estate.....	3,500 00

**The Jackson Grocery Co., Jackson, Mich.
Sworn Statement.**

Personal estate.....	\$63,156 08
Credits	44,426 69
Total assets.....	<u>\$107,582 77</u>

Liabilities	\$23,913 97
Net assets.....	\$83,668 80
Assessed at \$12,500.00.	

Jackson Corset Company, Jackson, Mich.
Sworn Statement.

Real estate.....	\$38,106 30
Personal estate.....	73,730 61
Credits	31,552 03
Total assets.....	\$143,388 93
Liabilities	15,497 42
Net assets.....	\$127,891 51
Assessed:	
Real estate.....	9,000 00
Personal estate.....	10,000 00
Total assessment.....	\$19,000 00

Craney Manufacturing Company, Bay City.
Sworn Statement.

Real estate.....	\$10,919 34
Personal estate.....	4,451 15
Total assets.....	\$15,370 49
Liabilities, nothing.	
Assessed at \$1,500.00.	

Lake Superior Mining Co., Marquette, Mich.
Sworn Statement.

Net assets.....	\$2,866,490 34
Assessed value.....	1,061,359 00

The above comparisons are made between the cash value of the stock companies named and the assessed value of such companies as the telegraphic reports have come to us from the county treasurers in the counties in which the corporations are located.

No effort has been made to select illustrations or names or companies where the ratio between the assessed value and the cash value was large; but the above represents about the average of the corporations throughout the State so far as reports to this date have been received.

Respectfully submitted,

H. J. DUDLEY,

Chairman.

CHARLES E. WHITNEY.

BURTON L. HART.

HENRY M. CHEEVER.

I concur in the recommendation of the committee amending section 18 of the general tax law provided also an income tax is recommended.

The amendment to the general tax law being of an inquisitorial nature, requiring every property owner to make sworn statements as to the property he may possess, it occurs to me that an additional tax should be levied on incomes.

Such a tax would reach those who are fortunate enough to have an income, and is the only method by which we can reach the net profits of trusts and corporations. A tax on incomes would reach those who are more able to pay taxes and who should be willing to give up part of their income for the support of the government, which gives them protection.

At the rate trusts are being formed, I believe it will be but a few years when they will be able to control most everything in sight. I am convinced that no law we might enact would reach them, and therefore believe the only remedy to be a tax on their income. I submit to your honorable body the income tax bill introduced by Messrs. Dudley and Babcock for your consideration.

A. J. WEIER.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The question being on concurring in the substitute reported for the first named bill, by the committee,

The House concurred.

The bill was then ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

The question being on concurring in the substitute reported for the second named bill, by the committee,

On motion of Mr. Dudley,

The substitute for the second named bill was referred to the committee on General Taxation.

By the Special Committee to Investigate Fisheries:

A majority of the members of your special committee to investigate fisheries beg leave to submit the following report:

H. K. GUSTIN,
Chairman.

Pending consideration of the report,

On motion of Mr. Chamberlain,

The report was laid on the table.

The Speaker called the Speaker pro tem. to the chair.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR.

The Speaker announced the following:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Lansing, March 8, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I have this day approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State,

House bill No. 66, being

An act to authorize school district No. 1 of the township of Portage, in

the county of Houghton, to borrow money and issue bonds therefor, for the erection and furnishing of a school building in said district.

Respectfully,

H. S. PINGREE,
Governor.

The message was ordered spread on the Journal.

The Speaker also announced the following:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Lansing, March 9, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I have this day approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State,

House bill No. 734, being

An act to change the boundaries of school districts Nos. 1 and 3 in the township of Union, county of Isabella, and State of Michigan.

Respectfully,

H. S. PINGREE,
Governor.

The message was ordered spread on the Journal.

The Speaker also announced the following:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Lansing, March 9, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I have this day approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State,

House bill No. 373, being

An act to authorize the common council of the city of Pontiac to provide that all the moneys collected in said city under the provisions of act 189 of the session laws of 1877, as amended by act 179 of the session laws of 1895, in excess of the amounts required under the provisions of said act to be paid to satisfy losses caused by the killing or injuring of sheep by dogs, may be used for the support and maintenance of a certain library in said city.

Respectfully,

H. S. PINGREE,
Governor.

The message was ordered spread on the Journal.

The Speaker also announced the following:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Lansing, March 9, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I have this day approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State,

House bill No. 296, being

An act to confer power and authority upon the common council of the village of Harbor Springs to extend the electric light plant of said village beyond its corporate limits, so as to light the Roaring Brook, Wequetonsing, Harbor Point, Emmet Beach and Idlewild summer resorts, and to purchase and acquire property and to erect all proper and neces-

sary structures in connection therewith. Also to have the power to fix such just and equitable rates as may be deemed advisable for supplying the inhabitants of said resorts with lights.

Respectfully,

H. S. PINGREE,
Governor.

The message was ordered spread on the Journal.

The Speaker also announced the following:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Lansing, March 9, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I have this day approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State,

House bill No. 916, being

An act to allow the village of Capac, in the county of St. Clair, and State of Michigan, to borrow money and issue bonds, in the sum of not exceeding twelve per cent of the assessed valuation of said village, as shown by the last preceding tax roll, to be used exclusively for the purpose of purchasing, constructing and maintaining water works, as provided for in act No. 3 of the session laws of 1895.

Respectfully,

H. S. PINGREE,
Governor.

The message was ordered spread on the Journal.

The Speaker also announced the following:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Lansing, March 9, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I have this day approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State,

House bill No. 89, being

An act to amend section 4 of act No. 129 of the public acts of 1883, entitled "An act for the organization of telephone and messenger service companies," approved May 31, 1883, the same being section 6691 of the compiled laws of 1897.

Respectfully,

H. S. PINGREE,
Governor.

The message was ordered spread on the Journal.

The Speaker also announced the following:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Lansing, March 9, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I have this day approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State,

House bill No. 708, being

An act to provide for the submission to the qualified electors of the county of Montcalm, in the State of Michigan, the question of the relief of George Douglass, ex-treasurer of said county, from liability on the

account of the loss of county funds occasioned through the failure of the City National Bank of the city of Greenville, Mich., and the bank of C. W. Chapin and Co., of the city of Stanton, Mich.

Respectfully,

H. S. PINGREE,
Governor.

The message was ordered spread on the Journal.

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.

The Speaker announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, March 8, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House the following bill:

House bill No. 607, entitled

A bill to amend section 2 of act No. 308 of the session laws of 1879, entitled "An act to incorporate the city of Mt. Clemens, and repeal act No. 307 of the session laws of 1875, approved April 8, 1875," as amended by act No. 308 of the local acts of 1881.

In the passage of which the Senate has concurred by a majority vote of all the Senators elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect, has ordered the same to take immediate effect.

Very respectfully,

CHARLES S. PIERCE,
Secretary of the Senate.

The bill was referred for enrollment and presentation to the Governor, under the rules.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, March 8, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House the following bill:

House bill No. 322, entitled

A bill to provide an additional voting precinct in the township of Franklin, county of Houghton, to be known as voting precinct No. 3.

In the passage of which the Senate has concurred by a majority vote of all the Senators elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect, has ordered the same to take immediate effect.

Very respectfully,

CHARLES S. PIERCE,
Secretary of the Senate.

The bill was referred for enrollment and presentation to the Governor, under the rules.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, March 8, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House the following bill:

House bill No. 1078, entitled

A bill to consolidate school district No. 18, fractional, of the city and township of Niles, in the county of Berrien and State of Michigan, with graded school district No. 1 of said city and township.

In the passage of which the Senate has concurred by a majority vote of all the Senators elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect, has ordered the same to take immediate effect.

Very respectfully,

CHARLES S. PIERCE.

Secretary of the Senate.

The bill was referred for enrollment and presentation to the Governor, under the rules.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, March 8, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House the following bill:

House bill No. 1049, entitled

A bill to change the names of Charles Henry Sullivan, Lyda Sullivan and Harold Sullivan to Charles Henry Evans, Lyda Evans and Harold Evans, respectively.

In the passage of which the Senate has concurred by a majority vote of all the Senators elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect, has ordered the same to take immediate effect.

Very respectfully,

CHARLES S. PIERCE,

Secretary of the Senate.

The bill was referred for enrollment and presentation to the Governor, under the rules.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, March 8, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House the following bill:

House bill No. 329, entitled

A bill to amend act No. 319 of the local acts of 1893, entitled "An act to allow the village of Ontonagon, in the State of Michigan, to borrow money and issue bonds in the sum of \$30,000 to build water works and electric lighting plant," approved March 24, 1893, and to amend act No. 283 of the local acts of 1895, entitled "An act to allow the village of Ontonagon, in the county of Ontonagon and State of Michigan, to borrow money and issue bonds in the sum of \$12,000 to extend its system of water works and complete its lighting plant," approved February 13, 1895, and to repeal all acts and parts of acts contravening or conflicting with this act.

In the passage of which the Senate has concurred by a majority vote

of all the Senators elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect has ordered the same to take immediate effect.

Very respectfully,

CHARLES S. PIERCE,
Secretary of the Senate.

The bill was referred for enrollment and presentation to the Governor, under the rules.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, March 8, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed by the Senate to transmit to the House the following bill:

Senate bill No. 106, entitled

A bill to amend act No. 365 of the local acts of 1895, entitled "An act to reorganize the townships of Fort Gratiot and Port Huron, in the county of St. Clair, and defining the boundary line and name of each township," approved April 4, 1895.

Which has passed the Senate by a majority vote of all the Senators elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect has been ordered to take immediate effect, and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

CHARLES S. PIERCE,
Secretary of the Senate.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Moore,

The rules were suspended, two-thirds of all the members present voting therefor, and the bill was put upon its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Alward	Mr. Hammond	Mr. Niedermeier
Brownell	Handy	Pearson
Bryan	Hart	Randall
Burch	Hatzenbuehler	Reed, W. A.
Burdick	Heck	Robinson
Burfoot	Heineman	Rulison
Buskirk	Herrig	Schmidt
Carton	Howell	Scully
Chamberlain	Kelly	Shisler
Chandler	Kerr	Soper
Cheever	Lafamboy	Stumpenhusen
Oolby	Locher	Sutherland
Davis	Lugers	Taziman
Dingley	Lusk	Van Camp
Doyle	McCallum	Waterbury

Mr. Dudley	Mr. McKay	Mr. Weier	
Fleischhauer	McLean	Wells	
Gillette	Mason	Weter	
Goodell	Miller	Wheeler	
Goodrich	Moore	Whitney	
Goodyear	Murdoch	Wing	
Gordon	Murphy	Wood	
Gray	Nash	Woodruff	
Gustin	Nevins	Speaker <i>pro tem</i>	72
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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Moore,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, March 8, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed by the Senate to transmit to the House the following bill:

Senate bill No. 510, entitled

A bill to provide for the submission to the qualified electors of the township of Arenac, in the county of Arenac, State of Michigan, the question of the relief of John Buck, ex-treasurer of the township of Arenac, in said county, from liability on account of the loss of township funds occasioned through the failure of the Arenac County Bank of Standish.

Which has passed the Senate by a majority vote of all the Senators elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect has been ordered to take immediate effect, and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,
CHARLES S. PIERCE,
Secretary of the Senate.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Towns and Counties.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, March 8, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed by the Senate to transmit to the House the following bill:

Senate bill No. 154, entitled

A bill to provide for the inspection of illuminating oils manufactured from petroleum or coal oils, and to repeal act No. 127, laws of 1879, as amended by act No. 49 of the laws of 1881, and act No. 20 of the laws of 1881, and act No. 71, laws of 1891, and act No. 94 of laws of 1893.

Which has passed the Senate by a majority vote of all the Senators elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect has been ordered to take immediate effect, and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

CHARLES S. PIERCE,
Secretary of the Senate.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on State Affairs.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Chamberlain offered the following:

Resolved, That when the House adjourns today it stand adjourned to tomorrow at 10 o'clock a. m.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Chamberlain offered the following:

Resolved, That the date set for the special order for the consideration of

House Joint Resolution No. 95, entitled

A joint resolution proposing amendment to section 1, article 7, of the constitution of the State of Michigan relative to elections.

Which was fixed for March 15, be changed to March 16, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

Which was adopted, two-thirds of all the members present voting therefor.

On motion of Mr. Van Camp,

Leave of absence was granted to himself until Tuesday next.

The Speaker announced that he had appointed H. Williams of Leslie, to be a janitor, and Frank E. Wells of Macomb, to be a messenger.

On motion of Mr. Alward,

Leave of absence was granted to himself for tomorrow.

On motion of Mr. Burfoot,

Leave of absence was granted to himself for tomorrow.

On motion of Mr. Handy,

Leave of absence was granted to himself until Wednesday.

On motion of Mr. Kerr,

Leave of absence was granted to himself for tomorrow.

On motion of Mr. Mason,

Leave of absence was granted to himself for tomorrow.

Mr. Fleischhauer moved that the House go into committee of the whole on the general order.

Pending discussion on the motion

Mr. Whitney moved that the House adjourn.

Which motion prevailed, and

The Speaker pro tem declared the House adjourned until 10 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

} REPRESENTATIVE HALL, LANSING,

} Friday, March 10, 1899.

The House met pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by Rev. Fr. Brancheau.

Roll called: quorum present.

Absent without leave: Messrs. Kingott, Lugers, McCallum, Mason, G. W. Reed, Shepherd, Watters, Wells and Whitney.

On motion of Mr. Brownell,

Leave of absence was granted to all absentees for the day.

BILLS PRESENTED TO THE GOVERNOR.

By the Clerk:

I have to report that I have this day enrolled, compared and presented to the Governor,

House bill No. 370, entitled

An act to authorize the city of Cheboygan to borrow money for the purpose of making public improvements in, and purchasing land for, parks for said city, and to issue its bonds for the payment of same.

In accordance with the rules and order of the House: the receipt for the same being dated 11 o'clock a. m., March 10, 1899.

LEWIS M. MILLER.

Clerk of the House.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS.

No. 185. By Mr. Hammond: Petition of R. J. Fuller and 33 others, in favor of the county salary bill.

Referred to the committee on Towns and Counties.

No. 186. By Mr. Howell: Petition of Tecumseh Grange No. 166, asking for the enactment of the anti-color law.

Referred to the committee on State Affairs.

No. 187. By Mr. Gillam: Petition of Vine Grange No. 744, relative to the anti-color law, etc.

Referred to the committee on State Affairs.

No. 188. By Mr. Nash: Petition of Grattan Grange No. 170, asking for the passage of the anti-color law.

Referred to the committee on State Affairs.

No. 189. By Mr. Wood: Petition of Bethany Grange No. 508, asking for the passage of the anti-color law.

Referred to the committee on State Affairs.

No. 190. By Mr. Randall: Petition of E. G. Everden and 32 others, in regard to the killing of deer for five years.

Referred to the committee on Fisheries and Game.

No. 191. By Mr. Phillips: Petition of Hamilton Grange No. 355, asking for the passage of the Anti-color law.

Referred to the committee on State Affairs.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

By committee on Education:

The committee on Education, to whom was referred

House bill No. 692, entitled

A bill to organize the union school district of the township of Hawes, in Alcona county.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

J. W. SHISLER,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

Pending the order that the bill be printed, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order,

On motion of Mr. Gillam,

The rules were suspended, two-thirds of all the members present voting therefor, and the bill was put upon its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Aldrich

Anderson
Babcock
Baumgaertner
Brownell
Bryan
Burdick
Burfoot
Buskirk
Carton
Chamberlain
Chandler
Cheever
Colby
Colvin
Crosby
Davis
Dickinson
Dingley
Doyle
Dudley
Duff
Fleischhauer
Foster

Mr. Gillam

Gillette
Goodrich
Goodyear
Gordon
Hall
Hammond
Hart
Hatzenbuehler
Herrig
Howell
Keep
Kelly
Kerr
Lafamboy
Locher
McCall
McKay
McLeod
Miller
Moore
Murdoch
Murphy
Nash

Mr. Nevins

Niedermeier
Oberdorffer
Pearson
Phillips
Randall
Read, J. H.
Reed, W. A.
Robinson
Rulison
Schmidt
Scully
Shisler
Stewart
Stumpenhuisen
Sutherland
Taziman
Waterbury
Weier
Weter
Wheeler
Wing
Wood
Speaker

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Gillam,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

By committee on Education:

The committee on Education, to whom was referred

House bill No. 418, entitled

A bill to detach certain lands from school district No. 4, fractional, of the townships of Evergreen, Sidney, Fairplains and Bushnell in the county of Montcalm.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

J. W. SHISLER,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

Pending the order that the bill be printed, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order,

On motion of Mr. Miller,

The rules were suspended, two-thirds of all the members present voting therefor, and the bill was put upon its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Aldrich	Mr. Goodell	Mr. Niedermeier
Anderson	Goodrich	Oberdorffer
Babcock	Goodyear	Pack
Baumgaertner	Gordon	Pearson
Brownell	Gustin	Phillips
Bryan	Hall	Randall
Burdick	Hammond	Read, J. H.
Burfoot	Hart	Reed, W. A.
Buskirk	Hatzenbuehler	Robinson
Carton	Herrig	Rulison
Chamberlain	Howell	Schmidt
Chandler	Keep	Scully
Colby	Kelly	Shisler
Colvin	Kerr	Stewart
Crosby	Laflamboy	Stumpenhausen
Davis	Locher	Sutherland
Dickinson	McCall	Taziman
Dingley	McKay	Waterbury
Doyle	McLeod	Weier
Dudley	Miller	Weter
Duff	Moore	Wheeler
Eikhoff	Murdoch	Whitney
Fleischhauer	Murphy	Wing
Foster	Nash	Wood

Mr. Gillam
Gillette

Mr. Nevins

Speaker

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Miller,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

By the committee on Northern Asylum for Insane:

The committee on Northern Asylum for Insane, to whom was referred House bill No. 637, entitled

A bill making appropriation for additional buildings at the asylum for the insane located at Traverse City, Michigan, and known as the Northern Asylum for the Insane, for the furnishing and equipment of said buildings complete; the building of a fire-proof vault, the purchase and installation of an electric storage battery, and the purchase of forty acres of additional land, all for said institution.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

B. L. HART,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was referred to the committee on Ways and Means, under the rules.

By the committee on Towns and Counties:

The committee on Towns and Counties, to whom was referred

House bill No. 452, entitled

A bill to vacate the township of Beaver Lake, in Ogemaw county, and to incorporate its territory within the adjoining township of Foster, in the county of Ogemaw.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House with amendments thereto, recommending that the amendments be concurred in, and that the bill, when so amended, do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

C. E. WHITNEY,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The question being on concurring in the amendments made by the committee to the bill,

The House concurred.

Pending the order that the bill be printed, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

On motion of Mr. Gillam,

The rules were suspended, two-thirds of all the members present voting therefor, and the bill was put upon its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Aldrich	Mr. Goodell	Mr. Niedermeier
Babcock	Goodrich	Oberdorffer
Baumgaertner	Gordon	Pack
Brownell	Gustin	Pearson
Bryan	Hall	Phillips
Burdick	Hammond	Randall
Burfoot	Hatzenbuehler	Read, J. H.
Buskirk	Herrig	Reed, W. A.
Carton	Howell	Rulison
Chamberlain	Keep	Schmidt
Cheever	Kelly	Scully
Colby	Kerr	Shisler
Collins	Laflamboy	Stewart
Colvin	Locher	Stumpfenhusen
Davis	McCall	Taziman
Dingley	McKay	Waterbury
Doyle	McLeod	Watters
Dudley	Miller	Weier
Eikhoff	Moore	Wheeler
Fleischhauer	Murdoch	Whitney
Foster	Murphy	Wing
Gillam	Nash	Wood
Gillette	Nevins	Speaker

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Gillam,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

By unanimous consent,

Mr. Phillips moved that the joint committees on Military Affairs and Ways and Means be discharged from the further consideration of

House joint resolution No. 61, entitled

Joint resolution directing the Board of State Auditors to settle claim made by George W. Crump against the State of Michigan for compensation for injuries received by him while superintending the removal of camp supplies and equipage from the military camp at Island Lake to the railroad station, on the 9th day of August, 1887.

And that the same be referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

Which motion prevailed.

By the committee on Military Affairs:

The committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred

House Joint Resolution No. 61, entitled

Joint resolution directing the Board of State Auditors to settle claim made by Geo. W. Crump against the State of Michigan for compensation for injuries received by him while superintending the removal of camp supplies and equipage from the military camp at Island Lake to the railroad station August 10, 1887.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

C. C. PHILLIPS,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Phillips,

The joint resolution was referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

By the committee on Public Health:

The committee on Public Health, to whom was referred

House bill No. 226, entitled

A bill to prohibit the mixing of oat hulls in the manufacture and sale of any ground grain or feed.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, without amendment, and recommended that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

L. A. GOODRICH,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on City Corporations:

The committee on City Corporations, to whom was referred

House bill No. 1011, entitled

A bill to authorize the city of Detroit to construct, acquire, maintain and operate street railways.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration and have directed me to request of the House that the bill be printed for the use of the committee.

P. HERRIG,
Chairman.

Report accepted.

The question being on ordering the bill printed for the use of the committee,

The House so ordered.

By the committee on State Affairs:

The committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred

House bill No. 325, entitled

A bill making an appropriation of \$10,000 to the county of Kalamazoo, State of Michigan, to aid said county in removing bars and other obstructions from the Kalamazoo river, and otherwise improving the flow of water therein, through the townships of Cooper, Comstock, Kalamazoo and the city of Kalamazoo, in said county.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration and have directed me to report the same back to the House and recommend that the bill be referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

HENRY L. WOOD,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The question being on concurring in the request made by the committee for the reference of the bill to the committee on Ways and Means, The House concurred, and the bill was so referred.

By the committee on Public Health:

The committee on Public Health, to whom was referred

House bill No. 440, entitled

A bill to establish three chairs in the medical department of the University of Michigan, to teach the principles and practices of eclecticism, physio-medicalism and healing without drugs.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

L. A. GOODRICH,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on Public Health:

The committee on Public Health, to whom was referred

House bill No. 193, entitled

A bill to authorize and prescribe the manner of issuing licenses for the preparation for transportation of the bodies of human beings dead from communicable diseases.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

L. A. GOODRICH,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on City Corporations:

The committee on City Corporations, to whom was referred

House bill No. 484, entitled

A bill to amend section No. 75 of act No. 53 of the session laws of 1859, entitled "An act to incorporate the city of Battle Creek, approved February 3, 1859, as revised and amended by the several acts revisionary and amendatory thereof, approved April 9, 1887, and as amended by act No. 384 of the session laws of 1889, approved May 9, 1889, and as amended by act No. 331 of the session laws of 1891, approved May 22, 1891, and as amended by act No. 312 of the session laws of 1893, approved March 22, 1893, and as amended by act No. 418 of the session laws of 1895, approved May 17, 1895, and as amended by act No. 371 of the session laws of 1897, approved March 24, 1897."

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House with amendments thereto, recommending that the amendments be concurred in, and

that the bill when so amended do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

P. HERRIG,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The question being on concurring in the amendments made by the committee to the bill,

The House concurred.

Pending the order that the bill be printed, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order,

On motion of Mr. Crosby,

The rules were suspended, two-thirds of all the members present voting therefor, and the bill was put upon its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Aldrich	Mr. Goodrich	Mr. Oberdorffer
Anderson	Goodyear	Pack
Babcock	Gustin	Pearson
Baumgärtner	Hall	Phillips
Brownell	Hammond	Randall
Bryan	Hart	Read, J. H.
Burch	Hatzenbuehler	Reed, W. A.
Burdick	Herrig	Robinson
Burfoot	Hofmeister	Rulison
Buskirk	Howell	Schmidt
Carton	Keep	Scully
Chamberlain	Kelly	Shisler
Chandler	Kingott	Soper
Colby	Laflamboy	Stewart
Colvin	Locher	Stumpenhusen
Crosby	McCall	Taziman
Davis	McKay	Waterbury
Dickinson	McLean	Watters
Dingley	McLeod	Wayne
Doyle	Miller	Weier
Dudley	Moore	Weter
Duff	Murdoch	Wheeler
Eikhoff	Murphy	Whitney
Fleischhauer	Nash	Wing
Foster	Nevins	Wood
Gillam	Niedermeyer	Speaker
Gillette		

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The question being on agreeing to the title.

Mr. Crosby moved to amend the title by striking off at the end thereof the words "and to add one new section thereto, to be known as section No. 98."

Which motion prevailed.

The title as amended was then agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Crosby,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

By the committee on City Corporations:

The committee on City Corporations, to whom was referred

House bill No. 1020, entitled

A bill to provide for the manner in which the common council of the city of Detroit may grant a franchise for street railways.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to request of the House that the bill be printed for the use of the committee.

P. HERRIG,
Chairman.

Report accepted.

The question being on ordering the bill printed for the use of the committee,

The House so ordered.

By the committee on City Corporations:

The committee on City Corporations, to whom was referred

House bill No. 859, entitled

A bill to amend section 30, chapter 7 of an act entitled "An act to provide a charter for the city of Detroit, and to repeal all acts and parts of acts in conflict therewith," approved June 7, 1883.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to request of the House that the bill be printed for the use of the committee.

P. HERRIG,
Chairman.

Report accepted.

The question being on ordering the bill printed for the use of the committee,

The House so ordered.

By the committee on Horticulture:

The committee on Horticulture, to whom was referred

House bill No. 34 (file No. 7), entitled

A bill to provide for the incorporation of associations to promote the business of growing, handling, storing and selling fruit.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House with amendments thereto, recommending that the amendments be concurred in, and that the bill when so amended do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

E. BROWNELL,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The question being on concurring in the amendments made by the committee to the bill,

The House concurred.

Pending the order that the bill be printed, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order,

On motion of Mr. Phillips,

The rules were suspended, two-thirds of all the members present voting therefor, and the bill was put upon its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Aldrich	Mr. Gillam	Mr. Oberdorffer
Anderson	Gillette	Pack
Babcock	Goodrich	Pearson
Baumgaertner	Goodyear	Phillips
Brownell	Gordon	Randall
Bryan	Gustin	Read, J. H.
Burch	Hall	Reed, W. A.
Burdick	Hammond	Robinson
Burfoot	Hart	Rulison
Buskirk	Herrig	Schmidt
Chamberlain	Hofmeister	Scully
Chandler	Howell	Shisler
Cheever	Keep	Soper
Colby	Kelly	Stewart
Collins	Kerr	Stumpfenhusen
Colvin	Kingott	Sutherland
Crosby	Locher	Taziman
Davis	Lusk	Waterbury
Dickinson	McKay	Watters
Dingley	Miller	Wayne
Doyle	Moore	Weier
Dudley	Murdoch	Weter
Duff	Murphy	Wheeler
Eikhoff	Nash	Wing
Fleischhauer	Nevins	Wood
Foster	Niedermeier	Speaker

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The question being on agreeing to the title,

Mr. Phillips moved to amend the title by adding at the end thereof the words, "and other farm products."

Which motion prevailed.

The title as amended was then agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Phillips,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.

The Speaker announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER.

Lansing, March 10, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House the following bill:

House bill No. 321, entitled

A bill to provide an additional voting precinct in the township of Franklin, county of Houghton, to be known as voting precinct No. 4.

In the passage of which the Senate has concurred by a majority vote of all the Senators elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect has ordered the same to take immediate effect.

Very respectfully,

CHARLES S. PIERCE,

Secretary of the Senate.

The bill was referred for enrollment and presentation to the Governor, under the rules.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER.

Lansing, March 10, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House the following bill:

House bill No. 770, entitled

A bill to provide for the retirement of aged and disabled firemen and the payment of pensions to the wives and children of deceased firemen killed in the service of the city of Bay City.

In the passage of which the Senate has concurred by a majority vote of all the Senators elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect has ordered the same to take immediate effect.

Very respectfully,

CHARLES S. PIERCE,

Secretary of the Senate.

The bill was referred for enrollment and presentation to the Governor, under the rules.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER.

Lansing, March 9, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House the following bill:

House bill No. 123, entitled

A bill to require township boards of Wayne county to make and publish annually an itemized statement of the condition of the finances of the township in relation to the receipts and disbursements made by the township board, and to repeal all acts or parts of acts inconsistent herewith.

In the passage of which the Senate has concurred by a majority vote of all the Senators elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect has ordered the same to take immediate effect.

Very respectfully,

CHARLES S. PIERCE,

Secretary of the Senate.

The bill was referred for enrollment and presentation to the Governor, under the rules.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Hart offered the following:

Whereas, It has come to the knowledge of the House that Representative Frank Shepherd has been nominated for Circuit Judge of the 33rd Judicial Circuit on the Republican ticket; and

Whereas, This House has great confidence in the ability of Mr. Shepherd; and

Whereas, As this House holds Mr. Shepherd in high esteem; be it

Resolved, That this House extend to Mr. Shepherd its congratulations over his success and its best wishes for his future; and be it

Resolved further, That an engrossed copy of these resolutions be presented to our fellow member, Mr. Shepherd, at as early a date as possible, by the clerk.

Which was adopted by an unanimous rising vote.

Mr. Chamberlain offered the following:

Resolved, That when the House adjourns today it stand adjourned to Monday, March 13, inst., at 4 o'clock p. m.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Foster moved to take from the table,

House bill No. 1030, entitled

A bill to amend section 2 of title 4, sections 8 and 9 of title 24, and sections 1 and 2 of title 30 of act No. 424 of the local acts of 1895.

Which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Foster,

The rules were suspended, two-thirds of all the members present voting therefor, and the bill was put upon its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Aldrich	Mr. Goodrich	Mr. Phillips
Anderson	Goodyear	Randall
Babcock	Gordon	Read, J. H.
Baumgärtner	Gustin	Reed, W. A.
Brownell	Hall	Robinson
Bryan	Hammond	Rulison
Burch	Hart	Schmidt
Burdick	Hatzenbuehler	Scully
Burfoot	Heineman	Shisler
Carton	Herrig	Soper
Chamberlain	Hofmeister	Stewart
Chandler	Keep	Stumpfenhusen
Cheever	Kelly	Sutherland
Colby	Kingott	Taziman
Crosby	Locher	Waterbury
Davis	McKay	Watters
Dickinson	McLean	Wayne
Dingley	McLeod	Weier
Doyle	Moore	Weter
Dudley	Murdoch	Wheeler

Mr. Eikhoff
Fleischhauer
Foster
Gillam
Gillette

Mr. Murphy
Nash
Nevins
Niedermeier
Oberdorffer

Mr. Whitney
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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Foster,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

Mr. Fleischhauer moved to discharge the committee of the whole from the further consideration of

House bill No. 19 (file No. 8), entitled

A bill to amend section 3 of act No. 151 of the public acts of 1897, entitled "An act to regulate the catching of fish in the waters of this State by the use of pound or trap nets, gill nets, seines or other apparatus."

Pending extended discussion,

Mr. Fleischhauer moved that there be a call of the House.

Pending which,

Mr. Waterbury moved that the House adjourn.

Which motion did not prevail.

The motion that there be a call of the House, then prevailed.

PROCEEDINGS UNDER THE CALL.

The roll of the House was called by the Clerk, and the following members reported absent without leave : Messrs. Baumgärtner, Burch, Collins, Doyle and Keep.

Mr. Fleischhauer moved that all absentees under the call be excused for the day.

Which motion did not prevail.

The question again being on the motion to discharge the committee of the whole from the further consideration of the bill,

Mr. Hart moved that the bill be made a special order for Tuesday, March 14.

Mr. Kelly moved to amend the latter motion by making the date for the special order March 15.

Pending discussion,

Mr. Nevins demanded the previous question.

The demand was seconded.

The question being shall the main question be now put,

The same was ordered.

The question being taken on the motion to amend so that the bill be made the special order for March 15,

The motion prevailed.

The question then being on the motion that the bill be made the special order for March 15. in accordance with the amended motion,

The motion then prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Wayne,

Leave of absence was granted to himself until Tuesday next.

On motion of Mr. Hart,
Leave of absence was granted to himself until Tuesday next.
On motion of Mr. Randall,
Leave of absence was granted to himself until Tuesday next.
On motion of Mr. Pack,
Leave of absence was granted to Mr. Moore until Wednesday next.
On motion of Mr. Colvin,
Leave of absence was granted to himself for the day.
On motion of Mr. Carton,
Leave of absence was granted to himself until Wednesday next.
On motion of Mr. Foster,
Leave of absence was granted to himself until Wednesday next.
On motion of Mr. Crosby,
Leave of absence was granted to himself until Tuesday next.
Mr. Chamberlain offered the following:

Whereas, A serious question has arisen before the committee on Education as to the location of a proposed normal school asked for in H. B. 258, several sites having been proffered; therefore

Resolved, That the said committee on Education be, and is, hereby authorized to visit and inspect such sites as have been offered in order that the members of that committee may be enabled to act intelligently upon this important matter.

On motion of Mr. Howell,
The resolution was laid on the table.

Mr. Hart moved that the House adjourn,

Which motion prevailed, and

The Speaker declared the House adjourned until 4 o'clock p. m., on Monday next.

{ REPRESENTATIVE HALL, LANSING,

{ Monday, March 13, 1899.

The House met pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Bard.

Roll called: quorum present.

Absent without leave: Messrs. Bryan, Burch, Chandler, Crosby, Davis, Dickinson, Dingley, Goodrich, Gustin, Hall, Hatzenbuhler, Keep, Kerr, Niedermeyer, Robinson, Schmidt, Shepherd, Stewart, Taziman, Wells and Wing.

On motion of Mr. Collins,
Leave of absence was granted to himself until Monday next.

On motion of Mr. McLeod,
Leave of absence was granted to all absentees for the day.

On motion of Mr. Gillam,
Leave of absence was granted to himself for tomorrow.

On motion of Mr. Colby,
Leave of absence was granted to Mr. Hatzenbuhler until Monday next.

On motion of Mr. Weier,
Leave of absence was granted to Mr. Niedermeier indefinitely on account of death in the family.
On motion of Mr. Bulison,
Leave of absence was granted to Mr. Chandler indefinitely.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS.

No. 192. By mail to the Clerk: Petition of 32 freeholders of the township of Warren against the formation of a school district as provided in House bill No. 226.

Referred to the committee on Education.

No. 193. By Mr. Babcock: Petition of Gilead Grange, No. 400, asking for the enactment of the anti-color law.

Referred to the committee on State Affairs.

No. 194. By Mr. Babcock: Petition of Coldwater Grange, No. 137, asking for the enactment of the anti-color law.

Referred to the committee on State Affairs.

No. 195. By Mr. Howell: Petition of Macon Grange, No. 167, asking for the enactment of the anti-color law.

Referred to the committee on State Affairs.

No. 196. By Mr. Lagers: Petition of students and citizens of Holland, Michigan, asking for a law to prohibit saloons within three miles of schools.

Referred to the committee on Liquor Traffic.

No. 197. By Mr. Lagers: Petition of citizens of Holland, Michigan, asking for a law to prohibit saloons within three miles of schools.

Referred to the committee on Liquor Traffic.

No. 198. By Mr. Scully: Resolutions of the North Plains Farmers' Club in favor of the county salary system.

Referred to the committee on Towns and Counties.

No. 199. By Mr. Mason: Petition of Elford Sherman and 34 others against detaching a portion of school district No. 9 of Vernon, Shiawassee county, and attaching same to Gains school district, Genesee county.

Referred to the committee on Village Corporations.

No. 200. By Mr. Gillette: Petition of Oronoko Grange, No. 726, asking for the enactment of the anti-color law.

Referred to the committee on State Affairs.

No. 201. By Mr. Gillette: Petition of Chickaming Grange, No. 382, asking for the enactment of the anti-color law.

Referred to the committee on State Affairs.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

By the committee on General Taxation:

The committee on General Taxation, to whom was referred House bill No. 118, entitled

“A bill to provide for the assessment and levy and collection of taxes upon shares in all corporations, except railroads, telegraph, telephone and express companies and except all corporations now expressly exempt from taxation, organized under the laws of this State, and in banks organized under the laws of the United States, and to repeal all acts and

parts of acts, in so far as such acts or parts of acts are inconsistent with this act, and to require taxpayers and such corporations to file sworn statements of their property.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to request of the House that the bill be printed for the use of the committee.

H. J. DUDLEY.
Chairman.

Report accepted.

The question being on ordering the bill printed for the use of the committee,

The House so ordered.

By the committee on State Affairs:

The committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred

House bill No. 568, entitled

A bill to abolish the contracting of convict labor and to provide employment for convicts in the penal institutions of this State.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House and recommend that the bill be referred to the committee on Labor.

HENRY L. WOOD,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The question being on concurring in the request made by the committee for the reference of the bill to the committee on Labor,

The House concurred, and the bill was so referred.

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.

The Speaker announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, March 9, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House the following bill:

House bill No. 567, entitled

A bill to authorize the village of Elkton, in the county of Huron and State of Michigan, to borrow money with which to encourage and promote the building and operation of a factory for the manufacture and refining of sugar from beets, or any other public improvement for said village.

And to inform the House that the Senate has amended the title as follows:

A bill to authorize the village of Elkton, in the county of Huron and State of Michigan, to borrow money and issue bonds therefor, the proceeds of which to be used to promote any public improvement in said village.

And also to inform the House that the Senate has amended the body of the bill as follows:

1. Section 1, line 9, strike out all after the word "of." And in line 10, strike out the words "factory or," and also strike out the word "other."

2. Sec. 2, line 1, after the word "money" insert "and issuing such bonds."

3. Sec. 3, line 2, strike out the word "such" and insert instead thereof "the." And after the word "electors," insert the words "voting at such elections."

In the passage of which, as thus amended, the Senate has concurred by a majority vote of all the Senators elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect has ordered the same to take immediate effect.

Very respectfully,

CHARLES S. PIERCE,

Secretary of the Senate.

The question being on concurring in the amendment made by the Senate to the bill,

The House concurred, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Aldrich	Mr. Gray	Mr. Nevins
Alward	Hammond	Oberdorffer
Anderson	Heck	Pack
Babcock	Heineman	Pearson
Baumgärtner	Herrig	Randall
Brownell	Hofmeister	Read, J. H.
Bryan	Howell	Reed, G. W.
Burdick	Kingott	Reed, W. A.
Chamberlain	Locher	Rulison
Cheever	Lugers	Scully
Colby	McKay	Soper
Colvin	McLean	Sutherland
Doyle	McLeod	Waterbury
Dudley	Mason	Watters
Duff	Miller	Weier
Eikhoff	Moore	Weter
Fleischhauer	Murdoch	Whitney
Gillam	Murphy	Wood
Gillette	Nash	Speaker
Goodell		

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The question then being on concurring in the amendment made by the Senate to the title of the bill,

The House concurred.

The bill was then referred for enrollment and presentation to the Governor under the rules.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, March 9, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed by the Senate to transmit to the House the following bill:

Senate bill No. 30 (file No. 34), entitled

A bill to amend section 100 of act No. 331 of the local acts of Michigan, of the year 1889, approved March 15, 1889, entitled "An act to reincorporate the city of Ann Arbor, revise the charter of said city and repeal all conflicting acts relating thereto."

Which has passed the Senate by a majority vote of all the Senators elect, and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

CHARLES S. PIERCE,

Secretary of the Senate.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on City Corporations.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,

Lansing, March 9, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed by the Senate to transmit to the House the following bill:

Senate bill No. 57 (file No. 23), entitled

A bill to prohibit non-incorporated societies, associations, organizations or persons from receiving, maintaining or placing minor children in homes.

Which has passed the Senate by a majority vote of all the Senators elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect has been ordered to take immediate effect, and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

CHARLES S. PIERCE,

Secretary of the Senate.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Private Corporations.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,

Lansing, March 9, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed by the Senate to transmit to the House the following bill:

Senate bill No. 60 (file No. 22), entitled

A bill to provide for records to be kept and reports to be made by and for the State supervision of societies, associations and organizations incorporated, or which may hereafter be incorporated, under the laws of this State, the whole or any part of the business of which is to receive and maintain minor children in institutions, or place minor children in homes on indenture, by adoption or otherwise, and to provide for certain expenses in connection with such records, reports and State supervision.

Which has passed the Senate by a majority vote of all the Senators elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect has been

ordered to take immediate effect, and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,
CHARLES S. PIERCE,
Secretary of the Senate.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Private Corporations.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, March 9, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed by the Senate to transmit to the House the following bill:

Senate bill No. 56 (file No. 33), entitled

A bill to make the breaking and entering, or entering without breaking, of any barn, granary, or other out-building, in the night time, with intent to commit the crime of murder, rape, robbery, or any other felony or larceny, a felony, and to provide a penalty therefor.

Which has passed the Senate by a majority vote of all the Senators elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect has been ordered to take immediate effect, and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,
CHARLES S. PIERCE,
Secretary of the Senate.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, March 9, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed by the Senate to transmit to the House the following joint resolution:

Senate joint resolution No. 75, entitled

A joint resolution authorizing the Board of State Auditors to investigate, examine and settle any claim found to be due to the county of Kalkaska, State of Michigan, from the State of Michigan.

Which has passed the Senate by a majority vote of all the Senators elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect has been ordered to take immediate effect, and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,
CHARLES S. PIERCE,
Secretary of the Senate.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on State Affairs.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Chamberlain offered the following:

Whereas, The Legislatures of 1895 and 1897 who ordered and pro-

vided for the publication of the compiled laws of 1897 are included in the regular distribution of the same; and

Whereas, The Legislature of 1899 was called upon to make final arrangements relative to the binding and issue of said compilation; therefore

Resolved (the Senate concurring), That each member of the present Legislature who was not a member of the Legislatures of 1895 or 1897 shall be entitled to receive one copy of the Compiled Laws of 1897 in the distribution of the same by the Secretary of State.

Pending the order that the resolution lie over one day under the rules,
On motion of Mr. Chamberlain,

The rules were suspended, two-thirds of all the members present voting therefor, and the resolution was put upon its immediate consideration.

The resolution was then adopted.

Mr. Wood moved to take from the table,

House bill No. 551, entitled

A bill to amend section 1 of chapter 2, sections 2, 3 and 4 of chapter 4, sections 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 of chapter 5, and section 1 of chapter 6 of act No. 254 of the laws of 1897, entitled "An act to provide for the construction and maintenance of drains and the assessment and levy of taxes therefor, and to repeal all other laws relative thereto."

Which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Wood,

The bill was referred to the committee on Drainage.

Mr. McCall offered the following:

Resolved. That the committee on Private Corporations be and is hereby authorized and directed to subpoena the officers and employees of the Michigan Sugar Company of Bay City, Michigan, to be and appear before said committee at such times and places as said committee may desire, to give evidence in regard to the beet sugar business of said company.

That said committee be and is hereby authorized to subpoena said officers and employees with their books and to inspect said books and to make such investigation of said books and the beet sugar business as they may deem necessary for the purpose of determining whether it is necessary and proper to continue the bounty on beet sugar manufactured in this State.

A notice directed to the officers and employees of said beet sugar company, signed by the chairman of said committee, directing them to appear at any time or place, shall be deemed sufficient notice.

All expenses and charges made or contracted in connection with this investigation to be paid on the order of said committee in the ordinary manner.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution,

Mr. Chamberlain demanded the yeas and nays.

The demand was seconded, and

Pending discussion,

Mr. Herrig demanded the previous question.

The demand was seconded.

The question being shall the main question be now put,

The same was ordered.

The resolution was then not adopted by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Aldrich
Burdick
Caldwell
Chamberlain
Cheever
Colby
Collins
Colvin
Doyle
Eikboff
Fleischhauer

Mr. Gillam
Goodyear
Gray
Heineman
Howell
Keep
Kelly
McCall
McLeod
Miller
Oberdorffer

Mr. Pack
Reed, G. W.
Rulison
Scully
Soper
Stumpenhusen
Waterbury
Weter
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Mr. Alward
Anderson
Babcock
Baumgärtner
Brownell
Buskirk
Dudley
Duff
Gillette
Goodell
Goodrich
Hammond

Mr. Heck
Herrig
Hofmeister
Kingott
Locher
Lugers
McKay
McLean
Mason
Moore
Murdoch

Mr. Murphy
Nash
Nevins
Pearson
Randall
Read, J. H.
Reed, W. A.
Sutherland
Weier
Wheeler
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Mr. Buskirk offered the following:

Whereas, Several of the wives of the members of the Legislature, and their friends, have organized a class for parliamentary drill and practice; therefore

Resolved, That they be granted the use of Pioneer Hall for their meetings.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Fleischhauer moved that the House take a recess until 9 o'clock p. m.

Mr. Heineman moved to amend the motion so as to make the hour 7:30 o'clock.

Mr. Nevins moved to amend the amendment by making the hour 8 o'clock.

Which motion prevailed.

The motion to amend, as amended, then prevailed.

The motion to take a recess as amended by the amended amendment, then prevailed.

 EVENING SESSION.

8 o'clock p. m.

The House met and was called to order by the Speaker.

Roll called: quorum present.
The House resumed the order of

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Heineman offered the following:

Whereas, There has been and is so much delay in the printing of bills as ordered by the House, thereby impeding the course of its business; and

Whereas, There are daily requests from citizens for copies of bills which have been ordered printed and which cannot be supplied because of the omission to so print them;

Resolved, That the committee on Printing be directed to investigate the causes of said delay and to report further to the House not later than Friday next as to how long a time is supposed to elapse between the ordering of the printing of a bill and the actual printing thereof.

Which was adopted.

GENERAL ORDER.

On motion of Mr. Gillam,

The House went into committee of the whole on the general order.

Whereupon the Speaker called Mr. Anderson to the chair.

After some time spent therein, the committee rose, and through their chairman, made the following report:

The committee of the whole have had under consideration the following:

1. House bill No. 93 (file No. 37), entitled

A bill to require the labeling of all gasoline, benzine and naphtha sold at retail, and to repeal act No. 145, laws of 1889.

2. House bill No. 254 (file No. 40), entitled

A bill to amend section 3 of chapter 11 of act No. 243 of the session laws of 1881, as amended by act 132 of the session laws of 1889, entitled "An act to revise and consolidate the laws relating to the establishing, opening, improvement and maintenance of highways and private roads, and the building, repairing and preservation of bridges within this State," approved June 8, 1881.

Have made sundry amendments thereto, and have directed their chairman to report the same back to the House, asking concurrence therein, and recommend their passage.

The committee of the whole have also had under consideration the following:

3. House bill No. 33 (file No. 38), entitled

A bill to repeal number 29 of the public acts of 1887, entitled "An act to provide for the payment of bounties for the killing of English sparrows," the same being sections 2259b, 2259c and 2259d of Howell's annotated statutes as amended by act number 189 of the public acts of 1895, and all other acts amendatory thereof.

Have stricken out all after the enacting clause thereof, and have di-

rected their chairman to report that fact to the House, asking concurrence therein.

J. H. ANDERSON,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The question being on concurring in the amendment made by the committee to the first and second named bills,

The House concurred, and they were placed on the order of third reading.

The question being on concurring in the action of the committee in striking out all after the enacting clause of the third named bill,

The House concurred, and

The title and enacting clause were laid on the table.

Mr. Fleischhauer moved to discharge the committee of the whole from the further consideration of

House bill No. 20 (file No. 21), entitled

A bill to amend sections one and five of act number one hundred and twenty of the public acts of one thousand eight hundred and ninety-three, approved May twenty-fifth, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-three, entitled "An act to amend sections one and five of act number twenty-five of the public acts of one thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven," approved March ninth, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven, entitled "An act to provide for three additional circuit judges for the third judicial circuit," so as to provide one other additional circuit judge for the third judicial circuit.

Which motion did not prevail.

GENERAL ORDER.

On motion of Mr. Chamberlain,

The House went into committee of the whole on the general order.

Whereupon the Speaker called Mr. Phillips to the chair.

After some time spent therein, the committee rose, and through their chairman, made the following report:

The committee of the whole have had under consideration the following:

House bill No. 20 (file No. 21), entitled

A bill to amend sections one and five of act number one hundred and twenty of the public acts of one thousand eight hundred and ninety-three, approved May twenty-fifth, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-three, entitled "An act to amend sections one and five of act number twenty-five of the public acts of one thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven," approved March ninth, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven, entitled "An act to provide for three additional circuit judges for the third judicial circuit," so as to provide one other additional circuit judge for the third judicial circuit.

Have made sundry amendments thereto, and have directed their chairman to report the same back to the House, asking concurrence therein, and recommend its passage.

C. C. PHILLIPS,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

Pending the order that the bill be placed on the order of third reading.
On motion of Mr. Goodell.

The rules were suspended, two-thirds of all the members present voting therefor, and the bill was put upon its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and pending the taking of the vote thereon,

On motion of Mr. Eikhoff,
The House adjourned.

{ REPRESENTATIVE HALL, LANSING,

{ Tuesday, March 14, 1899.

The House met pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by Rev. McLaughlin.

Roll called: quorum present.

Absent without leave: Messrs. Collins, Dickinson, Kerr, McCallum, McLeod and Wayne.

On motion of Mr. Oberdorffer,

Leave of absence was granted to all absentees for the day.

BILLS PRESENTED TO THE GOVERNOR.

By the Clerk:

I have to report that I have this day enrolled, compared and presented to the Governor,

House bill No. 3 (file No. 1), entitled

An act to provide for the assessment and levy of taxes upon the property of railroad companies, express companies, telegraph companies, and telephone companies and the collection thereof, and the designation and election of a State Board of Assessors to make such assessment and levy, and defining the duties of such board and the compensation of its members, and to repeal all other acts or parts of acts whether in the acts for incorporation of union railroad station and depot grounds, or any other law of this State, so far as such acts or parts of acts are inconsistent with this act, and no further, and to apply the taxes assessed and collected under this act to pay "the interest upon the primary school, university and other educational funds, and the interest and principal of the State debt, in the order herein recited until the extinguishment of the State debt, other than amounts due to educational funds, when such taxes to be collected under this act be added to, and constitute a part of the primary school interest fund."

In accordance with the rules and order of the House: the receipt for the same being dated 11:55 a. m., March 14, 1899.

LEWIS M. MILLER,
Clerk of the House.

By the Clerk:

I have to report that I have this day enrolled, compared and presented to the Governor,

House bill No. 1049, entitled

An act to change the names of Charles Henry Sullivan, Lyda Sullivan and Harold Sullivan to Charles Henry Evans, Lyda Evans and Harold Evans, respectfully.

In accordance with the rules and order of the House: the receipt for the same being dated 11:56 a. m., March 14, 1899.

LEWIS M. MILLER,
Clerk of the House.

By the Clerk:

I have to report that I have this day enrolled, compared and presented to the Governor,

House bill No. 607, entitled

An act to amend section two of act number three hundred and eight of the session laws of eighteen hundred seventy-nine, entitled "An act to incorporate the city of Mt. Clemens and repeal act number three hundred and seven of the session laws of eighteen hundred and seventy-five, approved April eighth, eighteen hundred seventy-five," as amended by act number three hundred and eight of the local acts of eighteen hundred eighty-one.

In accordance with the rules and order of the House: the receipt for the same being dated 11:56 a. m., March 14, 1899.

LEWIS M. MILLER.
Clerk of the House.

By the Clerk:

I have to report that I have this day enrolled, compared and presented to the Governor,

House bill No. 1078, entitled

An act to consolidate school district number eighteen, fractional, of the city and township of Niles, in the county of Berrien and State of Michigan, with graded school district number one of said city and township.

In accordance with the rules and order of the House: the receipt for the same being dated 11:55 a. m., March 14, 1899.

LEWIS M. MILLER.
Clerk of the House.

By the Clerk:

I have to report that I have this day enrolled, compared and presented to the Governor,

House bill No. 322, entitled

An act to provide an additional voting precinct in the township of Franklin, county of Houghton, to be known as voting precinct number three.

In accordance with the rules and order of the House: the receipt for the same being dated 11:55 a. m., March 14, 1899.

LEWIS M. MILLER.
Clerk of the House.

By the Clerk:

I have to report that I have this day enrolled, compared and presented to the Governor,

House bill No. 329, entitled

An act to amend act number three hundred nineteen of the local acts of eighteen hundred and ninety-three, entitled "An act to allow the vil-

lage of Ontonagon, in the county of Ontonagon and State of Michigan, to borrow money and issue bonds in the sum of thirty thousand dollars to build water works and electric lighting plants," approved March twenty-four, eighteen hundred and ninety-three, and to amend act number two hundred eighty-three of the local acts of eighteen hundred and ninety-five, entitled "An act to allow the village of Ontonagon in the county of Ontonagon and State of Michigan, to borrow money and issue bonds in the sum of twelve thousand dollars, to extend its system of water works and to complete its electric lighting plant," approved February thirteen, eighteen hundred and ninety-five, and to repeal all acts and parts of acts contravening or conflicting with this act.

In accordance with the rules and order of the House: the receipt for the same being dated 11:56 a. m., March 14, 1899.

LEWIS M. MILLER,
Clerk of the House.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS.

No. 202. By Mr. Bryan: Petition of the Detroit Women's Club, asking the passage of the bill prepared by the citizens' educational committee of Detroit.

Referred to the committee on City Corporations.

No. 203. By Mr. Van Camp: Petition of Pottawatamie Grange, No. 722, asking for the enactment of the anti-color law.

Referred to the committee on State Affairs.

No. 204. By Mr. Nash: Petition of Cannon Grange, No. 39, asking for the enactment of the anti-color law.

Referred to the committee on State Affairs.

No. 205. By Mr. Pearson: Petition of Rural Grange, No. 566, favoring the appropriations for the Agricultural College.

Referred to the committee on Agricultural College.

No. 206. By Mr. Pearson: Petition of Rural Grange, No. 566, asking for the passage of the anti-color law.

Referred to the committee on State Affairs.

No. 207. By Mr. Murphy: Petition of Buel Center Grange, No. 713, asking for the passage of the anti-color law.

Referred to the committee on State Affairs.

No. 208. By Mr. Eikhoff: Petition of Wm. Dupont and others of Wayne county, relative to direct legislation.

Referred to the committee on Elections.

No. 209. By Mr. Stumpenhusen: Petition of Fraternity Grange, No. 52, asking for the passage of the anti-color law.

Referred to the committee on State Affairs.

No. 210. By Mr. Stumpenhusen: Petition of Fraternity Grange, No. 52, asking for the passage of the anti-color law.

Referred to the committee on State Affairs.

No. 211. By Mr. Stumpenhusen: Petition of Ypsilanti Grange, No. 56, asking for the passage of the anti-color law.

Referred to the committee on State Affairs.

No. 212. By Mr. Stumpenhusen: Petition of Stony Creek Grange, No. 51, asking for the passage of the anti-color law.

Referred to the committee on State Affairs.

No. 213. By Mr. Burdick: Petition of Stebbins Grange, No. 709, asking for the passage of the anti-color law.

Referred to the committee on State Affairs.

No. 214. By Mr. Burdick: Petition of Atwood Grange, No. 691, asking for the passage of the anti-color law.

Referred to the committee on State Affairs.

No. 215. By Mr. Woodruff: Petition of Frances Williams and 44 others of Isabella county, in regard to county salaries.

Referred to the committee on Towns and Counties.

No. 216. By Mr. Robinson: Petition of Porter Grange, No. 427, asking for the passage of the anti-color law.

Referred to the committee on State Affairs.

No. 217. By Mr. Phillips: Petition of Decatur Grange, No. 346, asking for the passage of the anti-color law.

Referred to the committee on State Affairs.

No. 218. By Mr. Davis: Petition of Portage Grange, No. 16, asking for the passage of the anti-color law.

Referred to the committee on State Affairs.

No. 219. By Mr. Davis: Petition of Frank E. Knappen and others, of Kalamazoo county, relating to appointment of court crier for Kalamazoo county.

Referred to the committee on Judiciary.

No. 220. By Mr. Pack: Petition of Leonidas Grange, No. 266, asking for the passage of the anti-color law.

Referred to the committee on State Affairs.

No. 221. By Mr. Gustin: Petition of Frank Emerick and 17 others, of Alpena county, relative to direct legislation.

Referred to the committee on Elections.

No. 222. By Mr. Gustin: Petition of Frank C. Holmes and 116 others, of Alpena city, relative to direct legislation.

Referred to the committee on Elections.

No. 223. By Mr. Gustin: Petition of James D. Dunlop and 22 others, of Alpena county, relative to direct legislation.

Referred to the committee on Elections.

No. 224. By Mr. Gustin: Petition of Rev. James McAllister and 13 others, of Alpena county, relative to direct legislation.

Referred to the committee on Elections.

No. 225. By Mr. Gustin: Petition of W. L. Churchill and 608 others, of the city of Alpena, relative to direct legislation.

Referred to the committee on Elections.

No. 226. By Mr. Gustin: Petition of John Young and 96 others, of Presque Isle county, relative to direct legislation.

Referred to the committee on Elections.

No. 227. By Mr. Gustin: Petition of Julius E. Gumm and 150 others, of Presque Isle county, relative to direct legislation.

Referred to the committee on Elections.

No. 228. By Mr. Keep: Petition of Homer Grange, No. 200, asking for the passage of the anti-color law.

Referred to the committee on State Affairs.

No. 229. By Mr. Shisler: Resolutions of Bowne Center Grange, No. 219, favoring Agricultural College appropriation.

Referred to the committee on Agricultural College.

No. 230. By Mr. Shisler: Resolution of Cascade Grange, No. 63, in favor of Agricultural College appropriations.

Referred to the committee on Agricultural College.

No. 231. By Mr. Shisler: Resolutions of Grand Rapids Christian Endeavor Society against saloon keepers keeping open on holidays.

Referred to the committee on Liquor Traffic.

No. 232. By Mr. Hart: Petition of North Adrian Grange, No. 721, asking for the passage of the anti-color law.

Referred to the committee on State Affairs.

No. 233. By Mr. Hart: Petition of Fruit Ridge Grange, relative to Agricultural College.

Referred to the committee on Agricultural College.

No. 234. By Mr. Hart: Petition of Fruit Ridge Grange, No. 276, asking for the passage of the anti-color law.

Referred to the committee on State Affairs.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

By the committee on State Affairs:

The committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 154, entitled

A bill to provide for the inspection of illuminating oils manufactured from petroleum or coal oils, and to repeal act No. 127, laws of 1879, as amended by act No. 49 of the laws of 1881, act No. 20, laws of 1883, act No. 71 of the laws of 1891, and act No. 94 of the laws of 1893.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

HENRY L. WOOD,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on Towns and Counties:

The committee on Towns and Counties, to whom was referred

House bill No. 291, entitled

A bill to vacate the townships of Glencoe, Yates, Eden and Lake, of Lake county, and to dispose of the territory comprised by said townships.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House with amendments thereto, recommending that the amendments be concurred in, and that the bill, when so amended, do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

C. E. WHITNEY,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The question being on concurring in the amendments made by the committee to the bill,

The House concurred.

Pending the order that the bill be printed, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order,

On motion of Mr. Fleischhauer,
 The rules were suspended, two-thirds of all the members present voting therefor, and the bill was put upon its immediate passage.
 The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Aldrich	Mr. Goodyear	Mr. Nevins
Alward	Gordon	Oberdorffer
Anderson	Hall	Pack
Babcock	Hammond	Phillips
Baumgaertner	Handy	Randall
Brownell	Hart	Read, J. H.
Burch	Heck	Reed, G. W.
Burdick	Heineman	Reed, W. A.
Burfoot	Herrig	Robinson
Buskirk	Hofmeister	Rullison
Caldwell	Howell	Schmidt
Carton	Keep	Scully
Chamberlain	Kelly	Shisler
Chandler	Kingott	Soper
Cheever	Laflamboy	Stumpenhusen
Colby	Locher	Sutherland
Colvin	Lugers	Taziman
Crosby	Lusk	Van Camp
Davis	McCall	Waterbury
Dingley	McKay	Watters
Doyle	McLean	Weier
Dudley	Mason	Wells
Duff	Miller	Wheeler
Eikhoff	Moore	Whitney
Fleischhauer	Murdoch	Wing
Gillette	Murphy	Woodruff
Goodrich	Nash	Speaker

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The question being on agreeing to the title,
 Mr. Fleischhauer moved to amend the title so as to read as follows:
 A bill to vacate the townships of Glencoe and Yates, of Lake county,
 and to dispose of the territory comprised by said townships.
 Which motion prevailed.
 The title as amended was then agreed to.
 On motion of Mr. Fleischhauer,
 By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered
 to take immediate effect.
 By the committee on Towns and Counties:
 The committee on Towns and Counties, to whom was referred
 House bill No. 224, entitled
 A bill to vacate the township of Glencoe, in the county of Lake, and to

incorporate its territory within the adjoining townships of Dover, in Lake county.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House and recommend that the bill be referred to the committee on Village Corporations.

CHAS. E. WHITNEY,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The question being on concurring in the request made by the committee for the reference of the bill to the committee on Village Corporations, The House concurred, and the bill was so referred.

By the committee on Local Taxation:

The committee on Local Taxation, to whom was referred

House bill No. 539, entitled

A bill to authorize the village of Fremont, in the county of Newago, to borrow money to construct public buildings and make public improvement in said village.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House with amendments thereto, recommending that the amendments be concurred in, and that the bill, when so amended, do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

R. ALWARD,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The question being on concurring in the amendments made by the committee to the bill,

The House concurred.

Pending the order that the bill be printed, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order,

On motion of Mr. Dudley,

The rules were suspended, two-thirds of all the members present voting therefor, and the bill was put upon its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Aldrich
Alward
Anderson
Babcock
Baumgärtner
Brownell
Bryan
Burch
Burdick
Burfoot
Buskirk
Caldwell

Mr. Gray
Gustin
Hall
Hammond
Handy
Hart
Heck
Heineman
Herrig
Hofmeister
Howell
Keep

Mr. Pack
Pearson
Phillips
Randall
Read, J. H.
Reed, G. W.
Reed, W. A.
Robinson
Rulison
Schmidt
Scully
Shisler

Mr. Chamberlain
 Chandler
 Cheever
 Colby
 Colvin
 Crosby
 Davis
 Doyle
 Dudley
 Duff
 Eikhoff
 Fleischhauer
 Foster
 Gillette
 Goodrich
 Goodyear
 Gordon

Mr. Kelly
 Kingott
 Laflamboy
 Locher
 Lugers
 Lusk
 McCall
 McKay
 McLeod
 Mason
 Miller
 Moore
 Murdoch
 Murphy
 Nash
 Nevins
 Oberdorffer

Mr. Soper
 Stumpenhusen
 Sutherland
 Taziman
 Van Camp
 Waterbury
 Watters
 Weier
 Wells
 Weter
 Wheeler
 Whitney
 Wing
 Wood
 Woodruff
 Speaker

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Dudley,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

By the committee on Ways and Means:

The committee on Ways and Means, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 18 (file No. 14), entitled

A bill to provide for the purchase of books and equipments for the Michigan State library and the Michigan traveling libraries.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

GEO. L. LUSK,

Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

By the committee on Village Corporations:

The committee on Village Corporations, to whom was referred

House bill No. 165, entitled

A bill to amend section eighteen of chapter nine of act number three of the public acts of 1895, being an act to provide for the incorporation of villages within the State of Michigan and defining their powers and duties.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

G. W. REED,

Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on Fisheries and Game:

The committee on Fisheries and Game, to whom was referred

House bill No. 388, entitled

A bill for the protection of certain fur bearing animals.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House with amendments thereto, recommending that the amendments be concurred in, and that the bill when so amended do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

J. H. ANDERSON,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The question being on concurring in the amendments made by the committee to the bill,

The House concurred.

The bill was then ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on Fisheries and Game:

The committee on Fisheries and Game, to whom was referred

House bill No. 742, entitled

A bill to amend section 2 of act number 86 of the public acts of 1897, entitled "An act for the protection of certain fur bearing animals," to read as follows:

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

J. H. ANDERSON,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR.

The Speaker announced the following:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Lansing, March 14, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I have this day approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State,

House bill No. 1078, being

An act to consolidate school district No. 18, fractional, of the city and township of Niles, in the county of Berrien, and State of Michigan, with graded school district No. 1 of said city and township.

Respectfully,

H. S. PINGREE.
Governor.

The message was ordered spread on the Journal.

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.

The Speaker announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, March 13, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House the following bill:

House bill No. 452, entitled

A bill to vacate the township of Beaver Lake, in Ogemaw county, and to incorporate its territory within the adjoining township of Foster, in the county of Ogemaw.

In the passage of which the Senate has concurred by a majority vote of all the Senators elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect has ordered the same to take immediate effect.

Very respectfully,
CHARLES S. PIERCE,
Secretary of the Senate.

The bill was referred for enrollment and presentation to the Governor, under the rules.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, March 14, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House the following bill:

House bill No. 291, entitled

A bill to vacate the townships of Glencoe and Yates, of Lake county, and to dispose of the territory comprised by the said townships.

In the passage of which the Senate has concurred by a majority vote of all the Senators elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect has ordered the same to take immediate effect.

Very respectfully,
CHARLES S. PIERCE,
Secretary of the Senate.

The bill was referred for enrollment and presentation to the Governor, under the rules.

THIRD READING OF BILLS.

House bill No. 93 (file No. 37), entitled

A bill to require the labeling of all gasoline, benzine and naphtha sold at retail, and to repeal act No. 145, laws of 1889.

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Aldrich
Alward
Baumgärtner

Mr. Hammond
Handy
Hart

Mr. Pack
Pearson
Randall

Mr. Brownell	Mr. Heck	Mr. Read, J. H.
Burch	Heineman	Reed, G. W.
Burdick	Herrig	Reed, W. A.
Buskirk	Hofmeister	Robinson
Caldwell	Keep	Rulison
Carton	Kelly	Schmidt
Chamberlain	Kingott	Scully
Colvin	Laflamboy	Soper
Crosby	Locher	Stumpenhusen
Davis	Lugers	Sutherland
Dingley	McCall	Taziman
Doyle	McKay	Van Camp
Dudley	McLean	Waterbury
Eikhoff	McLeod	Watters
Fleischhauer	Mason	Weier
Gillette	Miller	Wells
Goodrich	Moore	Weter
Goodyear	Murdoch	Whitney
Gordon	Murphy	Wing
Gray	Nash	Wood
Gustin	Nevins	Woodruff
Hall	Oberdorffer	Speaker

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Title agreed to.

House bill No. 254 (file No. 40), entitled

A bill to amend section 3 of chapter 11 of act No. 243 of the session laws of 1881, as amended by act 132 of the session laws of 1889, entitled "An act to revise and consolidate the laws relating to the establishing, opening, improvement and maintenance of highways and private roads, and the building, repairing and preservation of bridges within this State," approved June 8, 1881.

Was read a third time, and pending the taking of the vote on the passage thereof,

Mr. Murdoch moved to amend the bill as follows:

1. By inserting in line 7 of section 3, after the word "work" the word "and."

2. By striking out of lines 2, 3 and 4 of section 3, the words "or the purchase of any machinery to be used in the construction or repair of any highway."

3. By striking out of lines 7 and 8 of section 3 the words "or the purchase of such machinery."

4. By striking out of line 10, section 3, after the word "work," the words "or for the furnishing of such machinery."

Which motion prevailed, two-thirds of all the members present voting therefor.

The bill was then passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Alward
 Baumgärtner
 Brownell
 Bryan
 Burch
 Burdick
 Burfoot
 Buskirk
 Caldwell
 Carton
 Chamberlain
 Cheever
 Colby
 Colvin
 Crosby
 Dingley
 Doyle
 Dudley
 Duff
 Eikhoff
 Fleischhauer
 Gillette
 Goodrich
 Goodyear
 Gordon
 Gray

Mr. Gustin
 Hall
 Hammond
 Handy
 Hart
 Heck
 Heineman
 Herrig
 Hofmeister
 Keep
 Kelly
 Kingott
 Laflamboy
 Locher
 McCall
 McKay
 McLeod
 Mason
 Miller
 Moore
 Murdoch
 Nash
 Nevins
 Oberdorffer
 Pack

Mr. Pearson
 Phillips
 Randall
 Read, J. H.
 Reed, G. W.
 Reed, W. A.
 Robinson
 Rulison
 Schmidt
 Scully
 Shisler
 Soper
 Stumpenhusen
 Taziman
 Van Camp
 Waterbury
 Watters
 Weier
 Wells
 Weter
 Wheeler
 Wing
 Wood
 Woodruff
 Speaker

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Title agreed to.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Burfoot moved to discharge the committee of the whole from the further consideration of

House bill No. 170 (file No. 19), entitled

A bill to require every person, partnership or corporation, owning or operating a street railway, the cars of which are propelled by electricity, steam, or cable power, to equip every motor car maintained and operated by them with an air brake, and to repeal all acts and parts of acts contravening the provisions of this act.

Which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Burfoot,

The bill was re-referred to the committee on Labor.

• Mr. Dudley offered the following:

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, That the chairmen of the committee on Private Corporations and State Affairs, are hereby instructed to communicate with the Michigan Sugar Company, at Bay

City, and request said company to furnish replies to the following questions: state

First, The amount of money invested in the company known as the Michigan Sugar Company;

Second, The total number of tons of beets purchased during the past year;

Third, Entire amount paid for beets purchased during the past year;

Fourth, Average price paid for beets per ton;

Fifth, Number of pounds of sugar produced from beets purchased during the past year;

Sixth, Cost of beets per pound of sugar;

Seventh, Amount paid for labor per pound of sugar manufactured;

Eighth, Cost of coke, coal, limestone, chemicals and other items used in the factory, per pound of sugar;

Ninth, Cost of insurance, taxes, including amount of interest on investment at six per cent per annum per pound of sugar;

Tenth, Estimate amount of repairs to be expended necessary to place the factory in proper condition for next year's campaign, based on past year's output per pound of sugar.

Also state the per cent of net profit of the company as near as can be obtained by figures at hand or obtainable at this date, after deducting all expenses of every kind and nature necessary in the operation of the plant.

Be it further resolved, That said Michigan Sugar Company be respectfully asked to answer any other questions which said committeemen may ask relative to expenditures, earnings or profits in any way appertaining to operation of said company.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution,

Mr. McCall moved that the resolution be laid on the table.

Which motion did not prevail.

The question again being on the adoption of the resolution,

Mr. Kelly demanded the yeas and nays.

The demand was seconded, and

Pending discussion,

Mr. Gustin offered the following substitute for the resolution:

Resolved, That the committee on Private Corporations be and is hereby authorized and directed to subpoena the officers and employees of the Michigan Sugar Company of Bay City, Michigan, to be and appear before said committee at such times and places as said committee may desire, to give evidence in regard to the beet sugar business of said company.

That said committee be and is hereby authorized to subpoena said officers and employees with their books and to inspect said books and to make such investigation of said books and the beet sugar business as they may deem necessary for the purpose of determining whether it is necessary and proper to continue the bounty on beet sugar manufactured in this State.

A notice directed to the officers and employees of said beet sugar company, signed by the chairman of said committee, directing them to appear at any time or place, shall be deemed sufficient notice.

All expenses and charges made or contracted in connection with this

investigation to be paid on the order of said committee in the ordinary manner.

The question being on agreeing to the substitute,
Mr. Heineman demanded the yeas and nays.

The demand was seconded, and

Pending discussion,

On motion of Mr. Gustin,

The substitute was laid on the table; and

The original resolution also went to the table.

Mr. Bryan moved to take from the table,

House bill No. 1007, entitled

A bill to extend the corporate city limits of the city of Wyandotte, in the county of Wayne, State of Michigan, and to add additional territory to said city of Wyandotte.

Which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Bryan,

The bill was referred to the committee on Village Corporations.

Mr. Lusk moved to take from the table,

House bill No. 920, entitled

A bill to amend and revise the charter of West Bay City, and to repeal all acts and parts of acts inconsistent therewith.

Which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Lusk,

The bill was referred to the committee on City Corporations.

Mr. Gustin moved that 2:30 o'clock p. m., tomorrow, be fixed as the time of the special order for the consideration of

House bill No. 19 (file No. 8), entitled

A bill to amend section three of act number 151 of the public acts of 1897, entitled "An act to regulate the catching of fish in the waters of this State by the use of pound or trap nets, gill nets, seines or other apparatus."

Which motion prevailed, two-thirds of all the members present voting therefor.

Mr. Howell moved that Tuesday, March 21, at 7:30 o'clock p. m., be fixed for the special order consideration of

House joint resolution No. 95 (file No. 35), entitled Joint resolution proposing an amendment to section 1, article 7, of the constitution of the State of Michigan, relative to elections.

Instead of the date heretofore named by the House.

Which motion prevailed, two-thirds of all the members present voting therefor.

Mr. Chamberlain moved to take from the table the following:

Whereas, A serious question has arisen before the committee on Education as to the location of a proposed normal school asked for in H. B. 258, several sites having been proffered; therefore

Resolved, That the said committee on Education be, and is hereby authorized to visit and inspect such sites as have been offered in order that the members of that committee may be enabled to act intelligently upon this important matter.

Which motion prevailed.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution,

The resolution was adopted.

Mr. Hall offered the following:

Whereas, Much influence is being exerted upon legislation by persons who are interested in the passage or repeal of certain bills appearing before the several committees, and while there, securing a favorable action of the committee; therefore be it

Resolved, That hereafter it be the sense of this House that the final discussion and determination of all matters properly in the hands of the committees shall be taken in secret; and that the chairman of the several committees shall, in their discretion, exclude all persons from the committee room who are not members of such committee after those interested have been heard, and before the committee takes final action or determines upon their report.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution.

On motion of Mr. Gray,

The resolution was laid on the table.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Being the consideration of

House bill No. 20 (file No. 21), entitled

A bill to amend sections 1 and 5 of act No. 120 of the public acts of 1893, approved May 25, 1893, entitled "An act to amend sections 1 and 5 of act No. 25 of the public acts of 1887," approved March 9, 1887, entitled "An act to provide for three additional circuit judges for the third judicial circuit," so as to provide one other additional circuit judge for the third judicial circuit.

The question being on the passage of the bill,

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Aldrich	Mr. Gillette	Mr. Pearson
Alward	Gray	Reed, G. W.
Anderson	Gustin	Rullison
Baumgaertner	Hammond	Schmidt
Burch	Heineman	Shepherd
Burdick	Herrig	Shisler
Burfoot	Hofmeister	Soper
Buskirk	Kelly	Stewart
Carton	Kingott	Sutherland
Chamberlain	Laflamboy	Taziman
Chandler	Locher	Van Camp
Cheever	Lusk	Watters
Colby	McCall	Weier
Colvin	McLeod	Wells
Crosby	Mason	Weter
Davis	Miller	Wheeler
Dingley	Moore	Whitney
Dudley	Murdoch	Wing
Duff	Murphy	Wood

Mr. Eikhoff
Fleischhauer
Foster

Mr. Nevins
Oberdorffer

Mr. Woodruff
Speaker

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NAYS.

Mr. Babcock
Brownell
Bryan
Caldwell
Doyle
Goodrich

Mr. Goodyear
Hart
Howell
Keep
Lugers
McKay

Mr. Nash
Randall
Read, J. H.
Reed, W. A.
Robinson
Stumpenhusen

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The question being on agreeing to the title,
Mr. Colby moved to amend the title by adding at the end thereof the words "so as to provide one other additional circuit judge for the third judicial circuit."

Which motion prevailed.

The title as amended was then agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Burch,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

GENERAL ORDER. .

On motion of Mr. Weier,

The House went into committee of the whole, on the general order.

Whereupon the Speaker called Mr. Herrig to the chair.

After some time spent therein, the committee rose, and through their chairman, made the following report:

The committee of the whole have had under consideration the following:

1. House bill No. 83 (file No. 54), entitled

A bill to amend act No. 428 of the local acts of the year 1897, being an act entitled "An act providing for the appointment, fixing the compensation and defining the duties of stenographer for the probate court for the county of Lapeer, and for the taking and transcribing of testimony on examination of persons charged with criminal offenses in the county of Lapeer," approved May 7, 1897.

2. House bill No. 9 (file No. 55), entitled

A bill concerning proceedings against concealed, absent and non-resident defendants in chancery, and to amend section 80 of chapter 176 of the compiled laws of 1871, being section 6670 of Howell's annotated statutes of the State of Michigan as amended.

3. House bill No. 346 (file No. 51), entitled

A bill to provide for the filing of a copy of the minutes made by surveyors or civil engineers in the subdivision of all lands within the State.

4. House bill No. 73 (file No. 62), entitled

A bill to protect the lives and property of persons at the crossing of electric railroads and public highways within the State of Michigan.

5. Senate bill No. 21 (file No. 2), entitled

A bill to amend section 1 of act No. 230 of the public acts of 1897, entitled "An act to provide for the formation of corporations for the purpose of owning, maintaining and improving lands and other property kept for the purpose of summer resorts or for ornament, recreation or amusement, and to repeal all laws or parts of laws in conflict herewith."

6. House bill No. 404 (file No. 63), entitled

A bill to amend section 6738 and section 6739 of Howell's annotated statutes of the State of Michigan, relative to appeals in chancery to the supreme court.

7. House bill No. 725 (file No. 64), entitled

A bill to provide for the prevention and punishment of bicycle stealing.

Have made no amendments thereto, and have directed their chairman to report the same back to the House, and recommend their passage.

The committee of the whole have also had under consideration the following:

8. House bill No. 18 (file No. 32), entitled

A bill to protect the professional title and degrees of veterinary surgeon, doctor of veterinary medicine and surgery, and veterinarian, and their abbreviations, and to restrict the use of such titles and their abbreviations to regular graduates of recognized colleges or schools of veterinary medicine and surgery and those having passed a satisfactory examination before a State Veterinary Board; to create a State Veterinary Board for registration of veterinary surgeons, doctors of veterinary medicine and surgery, and veterinarians.

9. House bill No. 43 (file No. 67), entitled

A bill to license and regulate commission men and brokers.

Have made sundry amendments thereto, and have directed their chairman to report the same back to the House, asking concurrence therein, and recommend their passage.

The committee of the whole have also had under consideration the following:

10. House bill No. 46 (file No. 41), entitled

A bill to regulate the use of barbed wire for fences along, or to mark the margin of, the public highway and for partition fences.

Have stricken out all after the enacting clause thereof, and have directed their chairman to report that fact to the house, asking concurrence therein.

PETER HERRIG.

Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The first, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh named bills were placed on the order of third reading.

The question being on concurring in the amendment made by the committee to the eighth and ninth named bills.

The House concurred and they were placed on the order of third reading.

The question being on concurring in the action of the committee in striking out all after the enacting clause of the tenth named bill,

The House concurred, and

The title and enacting clause were laid on the table.

By unanimous consent:

Mr. Stewart offered the following:

Whereas, One of our fellow members has been absent from his duties in the House for some days, and without our knowledge or consulting our judgment relative thereto, has, as it is reported in the newspapers, secured, during his absence, the nomination to a high and honorable office; now, therefore be it

Resolved, That a committee be appointed by the chair to escort Hon. Frank Shepherd to the rostrum, and that he be requested to explain to the House "the ways that are dark and tricks that are vain," by which he succeeded in securing the votes necessary to his prospective elevation to the judicial ermine.

Which was adopted.

The Speaker announced as the committee, under the resolution, Messrs. Stewart, Weier and Foster.

Mr. Shepherd appeared at the Speaker's desk and briefly addressed the House.

By unanimous consent:

The Speaker announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, March 14, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House the following bill:

House bill No. 1030, entitled

A bill to amend section 2 of title 4, sections 8 and 9 of title 24, and sections 1 and 2 of title 30, of act No. 424 of the local acts of 1895.

And to inform the House that the Senate has amended the title to read as follows:

1. A bill to amend section 2 of title 4, sections 8 and 9 of title 24, and sections 1 and 2 of title 30, of act No. 424 of the local acts of 1895, entitled "An act to incorporate the city of Traverse city," in the county of Grand Traverse, and to repeal all acts and parts of acts in conflict therewith.

And also to inform the House that the Senate has amended the body of the bill as follows:

2. By striking out the words "title V" preceding section 2, and inserting in lieu thereof the words "title IV."

3. By striking out of line 19 of section 9 the word "next" and inserting in lieu thereof the word "same."

In the passage of which, as thus amended, the Senate has concurred by a majority vote of all the Senators elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect has ordered the same to take immediate effect.

Very respectfully,

CHARLES S. PIERCE,
Secretary of the Senate.

The question being on concurring in the amendments made by the Senate to the bill,

The House concurred, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Aldrich	Mr. Gustin	Mr. Oberdorffer
Alward	Hall	Pearson
Anderson	Hammond	Randall
Babcock	Handy	Read, J. H.
Baumgärtner	Hart	Reed, G. W.
Brownell	Heck	Reed, W. A.
Burch	Heineman	Robinson
Burdick	Herrig	Rullison
Burfoot	Hofmeister	Shisler
Caldwell	Howell	Soper
Chandler	Keep	Stewart
Colby	Kingott	Stumpenhusen
Colvin	Lafamboy	Taziman
Crosby	Locher	Van Camp
Davis	Lugers	Waterbury
Dingley	Lusk	Watters
Dudley	McKay	Weier
Duff	McLean	Wells
Eikhoff	McLeod	Weter
Foster	Mason	Wheeler
Gillette	Miller	Whitney
Goodell	Murdoch	Wing
Goodrich	Murphy	Wood
Goodyear	Nash	Woodruff
Gordon	Nevins	Speaker
Gray	Niedermeier	

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NAYS.

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The question then being on concurring in the amendment made by the Senate to the title of the bill,

The House concurred.

The bill was then referred for enrollment and presentation to the Governor, under the rules.

By unanimous consent:

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, March 14, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House the following bill:

House bill No. 1038, entitled

A bill to incorporate the village of Sunfield, in the county of Eaton.

In the passage of which the Senate has concurred by a majority vote of all the Senators elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect has ordered the same to take immediate effect.

Very respectfully,

CHARLES S. PIERCE,
Secretary of the Senate.

The bill was referred for enrollment and presentation to the Governor, under the rules.

By unanimous consent:

Mr. Colby moved that

House bill No. 114 (file No. 16), entitled

A bill to provide for the election, at primary elections, by a direct vote of the members of the various political parties, of all candidates of such parties for election to any and all public offices the occupants of which now are or hereafter shall be required, by law, to be elected at an April or November election, entirely by electors residing within Wayne county, which shall include all county, city, township, village and ward officers, circuit judges and judges of the recorder's court for the city of Detroit, members of Congress and of the State Legislature. And also for the election of delegates to political conventions and of members of committees of political parties, and to provide for regulating and protecting such primary elections and conventions, and to punish offenses committed thereat, and to repeal all acts or parts of acts conflicting with the provisions of this act.

Be ordered reprinted for the use of the House.

Which motion prevailed.

By unanimous consent:

Mr. Lusk offered the following:

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That the Board of State Auditors be and are hereby directed and authorized to consider the proposition of Anna C. Oakley for the purchase of the portrait referred to in her communication hereto annexed and that a sum not exceeding \$4,000, be appropriated from the general fund for the purchase of said portrait if deemed advisable by the Board of Auditors.

Laid over one day under the rules.

The following are the documents referred to in the resolution:

Washington, D. C., March 1, 1899.

To the Honorable Members of the Michigan Legislature:

Gentlemen—As I was a resident of the State of Michigan for a period of thirty years, I am anxious to have one of my paintings hung in the capitol of the State, or in some one of the buildings owned by the State government. I have now what I consider is my masterpiece. It is a large canvas in oil, portraying the battle of the Monitor and Merrimac in Hampton Roads, Virginia. While in many respects this painting may be regarded a reproduction of the celebrated picture of the same battle painted by Mr. Halsall, and that now hangs in the Senate wing of the National Capitol, and for which the government paid \$8,000, it cannot be considered as a copy. The clouds, the smoke from the battleships, the atmospheric effects, and the water, are original. By many of the best art critics my painting has been pronounced superior to that of Mr. Halsall, while the two were standing side by side. The canvas is twelve by six feet, and I am sure the State of Michigan would be proud in its possession. By a great many authorities the celebrated battle of the ironclads is referred to as the turning point in the great rebellion. Thus the picture is made valuable in a historical sense, as well as for its artistic merits. I will sell the painting to the State of Michigan for four

thousand dollars, delivered in Lansing. This is the lowest price, and it is only the great desire to have one of my works thus placed that has induced me to make it. May I bespeak from you a careful consideration of this proposition.

Very respectfully,
(MRS.) ANNA E. OAKLEY.

Also the following:

SENATE CHAMBER.
Washington, D. C.

To the Members of the Michigan Legislature:

Gentlemen—The undersigned members of the Michigan delegation in Congress have carefully examined an oil painting representing the celebrated naval battle between the Monitor and the Merrimac in Hampton Roads, Virginia, and painted by Mrs. Anna E. Oakley, who was a resident of Michigan for a period of thirty years. We believe the painting is fully equal, if not superior, to that painted by Mr. Halsall, of the same battle, and that now hangs in a prominent position in the Senate wing of the National Capitol, and which he sold to the government for \$8,000. Mrs. Oakley's canvas is of equal size, being twelve by six feet, and in many respects can be considered a reproduction of Mr. Halsall's masterpiece. Mrs. Oakley is anxious to sell this painting to the State of Michigan, that it may find a permanent resting place upon the walls of the State Capitol or other public building. We have no hesitancy, whatever, in pronouncing it a splendid work of art. The best critics have spoken in high praise of its every feature, and we regard it as well worth the price asked by the artist, and commend Mrs. Oakley's offer for the consideration of your honorable bodies.

R. O. CRUMP, M. C. of 10th Michigan.
C. D. SHELDON, M. C. of 12th Michigan.
W. S. MESICK, M. C. of 11th Michigan.
WM. ALDEN SMITH, 5th Dist. Michigan.
R. P. BISHOP, 9th Dist. Michigan.
GEO. SPALDING, 2d Dist. Michigan.
JNO. B. CORLISS, 1st Dist. Michigan.
E. L. HAMILTON, 4th Dist. Michigan.
F. D. BRUCKER, 8th Dist. Michigan.
HORACE G. SNOVER, 7th Dist. Michigan.

By unanimous consent:

By the joint committees on State Affairs and Private Corporations:

The joint committee, consisting of the committees on State Affairs and Private Corporations, to whom was referred the investigation of the Beet Sugar Industry at Bay City, visited Bay City on March 3 and 4 and respectfully report as follows:

The Michigan Sugar Co., located at Bay City, was incorporated December 11, 1897.

Capital Stock, \$200,000.00.

Amount of granulated sugar manufactured in 1898, 5,272,406 pounds.

Bounty due from the State, \$52 724.06.

Number of acres of sugar beets grown, 3,016.

Average tons per acre, 10 tons and 1.252 pounds.

Number of tons used in factory, 32,047.

Average price paid per ton, \$4.33.

Average per cent of sugar, 12 93-100.

Sugar extracted per ton, 164 1-4 pounds.

Cost of making per pound, 4 5-6 cents.

While the test showed 12 93-100 pounds of sugar in each one hundred pounds of beets, the factory was able to extract only 8 1-10 pounds. It is thought with increased experience and skill a larger per cent will be obtained.

The cost, 4 5-6 cents per pound for granulated sugar, includes expenses of additional improvements to the plant and also the expense of making a large quantity of brown sugar now on hand.

The actual cost of manufacturing granulated sugar, the committee was unable to obtain.

The President stated that it was not possible at this time to give the actual cost of manufacturing a pound of sugar.

Only a part of the machinery used in the manufacture of beet sugar is made in the United States; the balance is made in Germany and shipped to this country.

There is a profit to the factory from the sale of seed, as the company contracts that each producer shall buy seed from the company and sow a certain number of pounds to the acre.

Cost and profit of raising Sugar Beets:

C. B. Chatfield, 13 acres.

134 hours teaming and plowing	\$32 00
84 hours fitting ground.....	21 00
11 hours sowing.....	2 75
Stemming and weeding.....	92 75
85 hours, man and horse, cultivating.....	17 00
Topping, lifting and pulling.....	193 00
Delivering 195 tons at 50 cents per ton.....	97 50
Seed.....	29 00
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Total cost of raising.....	\$485 75
Test 15 per cent sugar.	
Cr. by 195 tons at \$5 per ton.....	975 25
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Net profit.....	\$489 25
Net profit per acre.....	37 61
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Rent of land is not included in the cost.	
Wm. Williams, 1 acre.	
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Rent of land.....	\$5 00
Dragging and plowing.....	2 00
Drilling seed	23
15 pounds of seed.....	2 25
Cutting and thinning.....	54
Thinning and dressing.....	5 93
Cultivating.....	1 08
Pulling beets with lifter.....	62
Topping with knives.....	6 34
Hauling 14 2-3 tons to factory.....	7 49
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Total cost.....	\$33 94

Test 13 6-10 per cent.	
Cr. 14 2-3 tons at \$4.50 per ton.....	\$65 23
Net profit from one acre.....	\$31 30
Jacob Boes, 1 acre.	
Cost of raising.....	32 00
Test 13 1-2 per cent.	
Yield 14 tons at \$4.60.....	64 40
Net profit.....	\$32 40
John Johnson, a gardner, 1 acre.	
Cost of raising.....	51 05
Yield 27 tons.....	122 31
Test 14 3-10 per cent.	
Net profit.....	\$71 26
John Vinck, a gardner, 1 acre.	
Cost of raising.....	51 05
Yield 26 tons.....	121 53
Net profit.....	\$70 48
Charles C., 40 acres, 6 not harvested, leaving 34 acres.	
Number of tons per acre 14 3-10.	
Average per cent of sugar, 13 1-3 per cent.	
Price received per ton, \$4.46 1-6.	
Cost of raising per acre.....	\$34 00
Net profit per acre.....	28 00
Mr. P.	
Cost of raising per acre.....	33 01
Net profit per acre.....	21 14
Mr. M., 4 1-2 acres.	
Net profit per acre.....	50 00
Mr. M., 10 acres.	
Net profit per acre.....	50 00
Mr. K., 9 acres.	
Test 13 9-10 per cent.	
Gross receipts.....	609 00
Net profit per acre.....	31 00
Mr. W., 105 acres.	
Test 13 1-2 per cent.	
Net profit per acre.....	18 50
The following companies have filed articles of incorporation in the office of the Secretary of State:	
Michigan Sugar Co.....	\$200,000
Bay City Sugar Co.....	300,000
Alma Sugar Co., Alma.....	300,000
Wolverine Sugar Co., Benton Harbor.....	200,000
Peninsula Sugar Co., Caro.....	300,000
Detroit Sugar Co., Rochester.....	500,000
West Bay City Sugar Co.....	200,000
Holland Sugar Co., Holland.....	300,000

In 1898 the Michigan Sugar Company of Bay City manufactured 5,272,460 pounds of granulated sugar. If the eight companies now incorporated complete their works and are as successful in 1899 as the Michigan Sugar Company in 1898, the output of sugar will be about 63,256,872 pounds (the eight companies having a little more than twelve times the amount of capital of the Michigan Sugar Company). The bounty for 1899 will be not less than \$632,568.72 and a like sum for the year 1900, requiring an appropriation for the two years, 1899 and 1900 of \$1,265,137.44.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY L. WOOD,
Chairman.

Report accepted.

On motion of Mr. Van Camp,
The House adjourned.

{ REPRESENTATIVE HALL, LANSING,

{ Wednesday, March 15, 1899.

The House met pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Bard.

Roll called: quorum present.

Absent without leave: Messrs. Bryan, Burch, Collins, Crosby, Dickinson, Foster, Gray, Heineman, Herrig, Kerr, Kingott, McCallum, McLean, McLeod, Nevins, Stewart and Waters.

On motion of Mr. Wood,

Leave of absence was granted to himself until Tuesday next.

On motion of Mr. Shisler,

Leave of absence was granted to the committee on Education indefinitely.

On motion of Mr. W. A. Reed,

Leave of absence was granted to himself until Tuesday next.

On motion of Mr. Rulison,

Leave of absence was granted to himself indefinitely.

On motion of Mr. Hart,

Leave of absence was granted to all absentees for the day.

BILLS PRESENTED TO THE GOVERNOR.

By the Clerk:

I have to report that I have this day enrolled, compared and presented to the Governor,

House bill No. 321, entitled

An act to provide for an additional voting precinct in the township of Franklin, in the county of Houghton, to be known as voting precinct number four.

In accordance with the rules and order of the House: the receipt for the same being dated 2:10 o'clock p. m., March 15, 1899.

LEWIS M. MILLER,
Clerk of the House.

By the Clerk:

I have to report that I have this day enrolled, compared and presented to the Governor,

House bill No. 123, entitled

An act to require township boards of Wayne and Washtenaw counties to make and publish annually an itemized statement of the condition of the finances of the township in relation to the receipts and disbursements made by the township board, and to repeal all acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith.

In accordance with the rules and order of the House: the receipt for the same being dated 2:10 o'clock p. m., March 15, 1899.

LEWIS M. MILLER,
Clerk of the House.

By unanimous consent:

Mr. Goodell offered the following: .

Whereas, This House has, by resolution, instructed one of its committees to visit the upper peninsula for the purpose of securing information in regard to the location of a site for a State Normal School;

Resolved, That said committee is hereby restrained from making such visit to the upper peninsula until some bill making an appropriation for the construction, wholly or in part, of a normal school in the upper peninsula shall have been passed by this Legislature.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution,

Mr. Chamberlain moved that the resolution do lie on the table.

On which motion,

Mr. Hart demanded the yeas and nays.

The demand was seconded, and

Pending the calling of the roll,

Mr. Shepherd moved that there be a call of the House.

Which motion did not prevail.

The motion that the resolution do lie on the table did not then prevail, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Alward
Caldwell
Carton
Chamberlain
Chandler
Colvin
Davis
Dudley

Mr. Duff
Eikhoff
Handy
Kelly
McCall
Nevins
Niedermeier
Oberdorffer

Mr. Reed, G. W.
Rulison
Schmidt
Shepherd
Shisler
Van Camp
Waterbury
Speaker

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NAYS.

Mr. Babcock
Baumgærtner

Mr. Hammond
Hart

Mr. Nash
Pearson

Mr. Brownell

Burdick

Burfoot

Dingley

Doyle

Fleischhauer

Gillam

Gillette

Goodell

Goodrich

Goodyear

Mr. Heck

Howell

Keep

Locher

Lugers

McKay

McLean

Mason

Miller

Moore

Murphy

Mr. Read, J. H.

Reed, W. A.

Robinson

Stumpenhusen

Sutherland

Taziman

Weter

Wheeler

Wing

Wood

Woodruff

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The question being on the adoption of the resolution,

Mr. Chamberlain demanded the yeas and nays.

The demand was seconded, and the resolution was adopted, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Alward

Babcock

Baumgaertner

Brownell

Burdick

Burfoot

Dingley

Doyle

Gillam

Gillette

Goodell

Goodrich

Goodyear

Mr. Hart

Heck

Howell

Keep

Lafamboy

Locher

Lugers

McKay

McLean

Mason

Miller

Moore

Mr. Murdoch

Murphy

Nash

Pearson

Randall

Read, J. H.

Reed, W. A.

Robinson

Sutherland

Taziman

Wheeler

Wing

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NAYS.

Mr. Anderson

Caldwell

Carton

Chamberlain

Chandler

Colvin

Dudley

Duff

Eikhoff

Gordon

Gustin

Hammond

Mr. Handy

Hofmeister

Kelly

McCall

Nevins

Niedermeier

Oberdorffer

Pack

Phillips

Reed, G. W.

Schmidt

Scully

Mr. Shepherd

Shisler

Stumpenhusen

Van Camp

Waterbury

Watters

Wayne

Whitney

Wood

Woodruff

Speaker

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Mr. Shepherd moved that there be a call of the House.

Which motion prevailed.

PROCEEDINGS UNDER THE CALL.

The roll of the House was called by the Clerk, and the following members reported absent without leave: Messrs. Burch, Crosby, Dickinson, Foster and Kerr.

On motion of Mr. Hart,

The Sergeant-at-Arms was despatched after the absentees.

On motion of Mr. Niedermeier,

Mr. Kingott was excused from the operation of the call.

On motion of Mr. McCall,

Mr. Collins was excused from the operation of the call.

On motion of Mr. Eikhoff,

Mr. Burch was excused from the operation of the call.

On motion of Mr. Chandler,

Mr. McCallum was excused from the operation of the call.

The Speaker announced the hour for the

SPECIAL ORDER.

Being the consideration of

House bill No. 19 (file No. 8), entitled

A bill to amend section 3 of act No. 151 of the public acts of 1897, entitled "An act to regulate the catching of fish in the waters of this State by the use of pound or trap nets, gill nets, seines or other apparatus."

Mr. Kelly moved that the rules be suspended, and that the bill be placed on the order of third reading.

Mr. Scully moved that the motion that the bill be placed on the order of third reading be laid on the table.

On which motion,

Mr. Kelly demanded the yeas and nays.

The demand was seconded, and the motion that the bill be placed on the order of third reading was laid on the table, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Aldrich
Anderson
Babcock
Baumgartner
Bryan
Burfoot
Carton
Colby
Dingley
Duff
Fleischhauer
Gillam
Gillette
Goodell
Goodyear
Gordon

Mr. Hammond
Hart
Heineman
Herrig
Hofmeister
Howell
Keep
Lafamboy
Locher
Lusk
McLean
Mason
Miller
Moore
Murdoch
Murphy

Mr. Pack
Pearson
Phillips
Reed, G. W.
Schmidt
Scully
Shepherd
Soper
Stewart
Stumpenhusen
Sutherland
Taziman
Watters
Wayne
Weier
Wheeler

Mr. Gray
Gustin
Hall

Mr. Nash
Niedermeier
Oberdorffer

Mr. Wing
Wood
Woodruff

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NAYS.

Mr. Alward
Burdick
Caldwell
Chamberlain
Cheever
Doyle
Dudley
Eikhoff

Mr. Heck
Kelly
Lugers
McCall
McKay
Nevins
Randall

Mr. Read, J. H.
Reed, W. A.
Robinson
Rulison
Van Camp
Weter
Whitney

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On motion of Mr. Anderson,

The House went into committee of the whole, on the special order.

Whereupon the Speaker called Mr. Phillips to the chair.

After some time spent therein, the committee rose, and through their chairman, made the following report:

The committee of the whole have had under consideration the following:

House bill No. 19 (file No. 8), entitled

A bill to amend section three of act number 151 of the public acts of 1897, entitled "An act to regulate the catching of fish in the waters of this State by the use of pound or trap nets, gill nets, seines or other apparatus."

Have made sundry amendments thereto, and have directed their chairman to report the same back to the House, asking concurrence therein, and recommend its passage.

C. C. PHILLIPS,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

Pending the order that the bill be placed on the order of third reading,

On motion of Mr. Fleischhauer,

The rules were suspended, two-thirds of all the members present voting therefor, and the bill was put upon its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Aldrich
Anderson
Babcock
Baumgaertner
Brownell
Bryan
Burdick
Burfoot
Carton

Mr. Gustin
Hall
Hammond
Handy
Hart
Heck
Heineman
Herrig
Hofmeister

Mr. Randall
Read, J. H.
Reed, G. W.
Reed, W. A.
Robinson
Schmidt
Scully
Shepherd
Shisler

Mr. Colby	Mr. Keep	Mr. Soper
Colvin	Lafamboy	Stewart
Davis	Locher	Stumpenhusen
Dingley	Lugers	Sutherland
Doyle	Lusk	Taziman
Duff	McLean	Van Camp
Eikhoff	McLeod	Waterbury
Fleischhauer	Mason	Watters
Foster	Miller	Wayne
Gillam	Moore	Weier
Gillette	Murdoch	Weier
Goodell	Murphy	Wheeler
Goodrich	Niedermeier	Wing
Goodyear	Oberdorffer	Wood
Gordon	Pearson	Woodruff
Gray	Phillips	

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NAYS.

Mr. Alward	Mr. Dudley	Mr. Nevins
Buskirk	Howell	Pack
Caldwell	Kelly	Rulison
Chamberlain	McCall	Wells
Chandler	McKay	Whitney
Cheever	Nash	Speaker

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The question being on agreeing to the title,

Mr. Shepherd moved to amend the title by adding at the end the words, "being section 5846 of the compiled laws of 1897."

Which motion prevailed.

The title as amended was then agreed to.

Mr. Gillam moved to reconsider the vote by which the House adopted the following resolution:

Whereas, This House has, by resolution, instructed one of its committees to visit the Upper Peninsula, for the purpose of securing information in regard to the location of a site for a State normal school;

Resolved, That said committee is hereby restrained from making such visit to the Upper Peninsula until some bill making an appropriation for the construction, wholly or in part, of a normal school in the upper peninsula shall have been passed by this Legislature.

On which motion,

Mr. Goodell demanded the yeas and nays.

The demand was seconded, and the motion to reconsider prevailed, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Aldrich	Mr. Gillam	Mr. Randall
Alward	Goodrich	Reed, G. W.
Anderson	Goodyear	Schmidt
Bryan	Gordon	Scully

Mr. Burdick	Mr. Gustin	Mr. Shepherd
Burfoot	Hammond	Shisler
Caldwell	Handy	Soper
Carton	Heineman	Stumpenhusen
Chamberlain	Herrig	Van Camp
Chandler	Hofmeister	Watters
Cheever	Kelly	Wayne
Colvin	McCall	Weier
Davis	McLeod	Wells
Dingley	Nevins	Whitney
Dudley	Niedermeier	Wing
Duff	Oberdorffer	Wood
Fleischhauer	Pack	Woodruff
Foster	Phillips	Speaker

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NAYS.

Mr. Doyle	Mr. Howell	Mr. Murphy
Gillette	Keep	Read, J. H.
Goodell	Locher	Reed, W. A.
Hart	McKay	Robinson
Heck	Miller	Wheeler

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The question being on the adoption of the resolution,

Mr. McKay demanded the yeas and nays.

The demand was seconded, and the resolution was not adopted, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Alward	Mr. Keep	Mr. Read, J. H.
Goodell	McKay	Reed, W. A.
Goodrich	Miller	Robinson
Hart	Murphy	Wheeler

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NAYS.

Mr. Aldrich	Mr. Gillette	Mr. Reed, G. W.
Anderson	Gordon	Rulison
Brownell	Gustin	Schmidt
Bryan	Hammond	Scully
Burdick	Handy	Shisler
Burfoot	Heineman	Soper
Buskirk	Herrig	Stumpenhusen
Caldwell	Hofmeister	Van Camp
Carton	Kelly	Waterbury
Chamberlain	Laflamboy	Watters
Chandler	McCall	Wayne
Cheever	McLeod	Weier

Mr. Colby	Mr. Moore	Mr. Wells
Davis	Nevins	Weter
Dudley	Niedermeier	Whitney
Duff	Oberdorffer	Wing
Eikhoff	Pack	Wood
Fleischhauer	Phillips	Woodruff
Foster	Randall	Speaker
Gillam		

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By unanimous consent:

The House took up the regular order.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

By the committee on Fisheries and Game:

The committee on Fisheries and Game, to whom was referred
House bill No. 750, entitled

A bill to amend section 1 of act No. 151 of the public acts of the State of Michigan for the year 1897, entitled "An act to regulate the catching of fish in the waters of this State by the use of pound or trap nets, gill nets, seines and other apparatus."

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, with the accompanying substitute therefor, entitled

A bill to amend sections 4 and 5 of act No. 151 of the public acts of 1897, entitled "An act to regulate the catching of fish in the waters of this State by the use of pound or trap nets, gill nets, seines or other apparatus," and to add thereto seven new sections to stand as sections 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12.

Recommending that the substitute be concurred in, and that the substitute do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

J. H. ANDERSON,

Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The question being on concurring in the substitute reported for the bill, by the committee,

The House concurred.

The bill was then ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on Revision and Amendment of the Statutes:

The committee on Revision and Amendment of the Statutes, to whom was referred

House bill No. 211, entitled

A bill to amend sections 5 and 8 of chapter 29 of Howell's annotated statutes, being compiler's sections 1416 and 1423 of Howell's annotated statutes, relative to highways, bridges, private roads and ferries.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House without

amendment and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

JOHN J. CARTON,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on Local Taxation:

The committee on Local Taxation, to whom was referred

House bill No. 493, entitled

A bill to authorize the township of Carrollton, in the county of Saginaw, to borrow money on its faith and credit, and to use the same in the construction of a stone road on the highway known as the Carrollton Road, in said township, from the point where the said Carrollton Road intersects the main line of the Flint and Pere Marquette railroad, thence northerly along said highway to the south line of the township of Zilwaukee, and to empower said township to issue its bonds for the money so borrowed.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House without amendment and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

R. ALWARD,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Colvin,

The bill was laid on the table.

By the committee on Supplies and Expenditures:

The committee on Supplies and Expenditures have had under consideration the following bills:

United Typewriter and Supplies Co., Grand Rapids, to cleaning Yost typewriter.....	\$5.50
Western Union Telegraph Co., to official telegram to E. M. Dingley.....	2.58
Seymour Foster, Postmaster, Lansing, 4,000 postal cards.....	40.00
E. S. Butts Furniture Co., Lansing, one dozen counter stools.....	5.00
Two oak curtain desks.....	52.00
Lansing Gas Light Co., to 1 portable lamp and fixtures.....	3.50
M. J. and B. M. Buck, to one oak table.....	3.50
To one ash table.....	2.50
To rent of 200 chairs.....	4.00
State of Michigan Furniture Works, Ionia, to three office tables.....	13.50
Americanus Water Co., to 239 gallons Americanus water.....	23.90
The Hall Lumber Co., to one blackboard and attachments.....	8.00
H. H. Larned, to one ewer bowl and dish.....	2.00

And respectfully report that they have examined the same and recommend that they be allowed and ordered paid.

J. H. DICKINSON,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The question being on the adoption of the report,

The report was adopted, and the several bills allowed and ordered paid.

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.

The Speaker announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, March 14, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House the following bill:

House bill No. 284, entitled

A bill to repeal act No. 382 of the local acts of 1881, approved May 12, 1881, entitled "An act to reincorporate the village of Carrollton, in the county of Saginaw," and to provide for the disposition to be made of the property, and the payment of the liabilities of the said village of Carrollton, and to repeal all acts and parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act.

In the passage of which the Senate has concurred by a majority vote of all the Senators elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect has ordered the same to take immediate effect.

Very respectfully,
CHARLES S. PIERCE,
Secretary of the Senate.

The bill was referred for enrollment and presentation to the Governor, under the rules.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, March 14, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House the following concurrent resolution:

Whereas, The Legislatures of 1895 and 1897 who ordered and provided for the publication of the compiled laws of 1897 are included in the regular distribution of the same; and

Whereas, The Legislature of 1899 was called upon to make final arrangements relative to the binding and issue of said compilation; therefore

Resolved (the Senate concurring), That each member of the present Legislature, who was not a member of the Legislatures of 1895 or 1897, shall be entitled to receive one copy of the compiled laws of 1897 in the distribution of the same by the Secretary of State.

In the adoption of which the Senate has concurred.

Very respectfully,
CHARLES S. PIERCE,
Secretary of the Senate.

The concurrent resolution was referred for enrollment and presentation to the Governor, under the rules.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, March 14, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House the following bill:

House bill No. 203, entitled

A bill to amend section No. 5 of act No. 135 of the public acts of Michigan of 1895, entitled "An act to provide for the holding of primaries in cities of not less than 15,000 inhabitants and not over 150,000 inhabitants, and to punish frauds thereon, and by delegates elected thereat, and the corruption and attempted corruption of such delegates."

In the passage of which the Senate has concurred by a majority vote of all the Senators elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect has ordered the same to take immediate effect.

Very respectfully,

CHARLES S. PIERCE,
Secretary of the Senate.

The bill was referred for enrollment and presentation to the Governor, under the rules.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, March 14, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House the following bill:

House bill No. 539, entitled

A bill to authorize the village of Fremont, in the county of Newaygo, State of Michigan, to borrow money to construct public buildings and make public improvements in said village.

In the passage of which the Senate has concurred by a majority vote of all the Senators elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect has ordered the same to take immediate effect.

Very respectfully,

CHARLES S. PIERCE,
Secretary of the Senate.

The bill was referred for enrollment and presentation to the Governor, under the rules.

Mr. Oberdorffer moved to reconsider the vote by which the House concurred in the action of the committee of the whole in striking out all after the enacting clause of

House bill No. 46 (file No. 41), entitled

A bill to regulate the use of barbed wire for fences along, or to mark the margin of, the public highway and for partition fences.

Which motion prevailed.

The question being on concurring in the action of the committee of the whole in striking out all after the enacting clause of the bill,

The same was not concurred in.

On motion of Mr. Oberdorffer,
The bill was referred to the committee on Roads and Bridges.
On motion of Mr. Chamberlain,
The House adjourned.

{ REPRESENTATIVE HALL, LANSING,

{ Thursday, March 16, 1899.

The House met pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Bard.

Roll called: quorum present.

Absent without leave: Messrs. Bryan, Burch, Caldwell, Dickinson, Goodell, Gordon, Kerr, McCallum, Oberdorffer, Shepherd, Stewart.

On motion of Mr. McLeod,

Leave of absence was granted to all absentees for the day.

On motion of Mr. Duff,

Leave of absence was granted to Mr. Gordon indefinitely.

On motion of Mr. McLeod,

Leave of absence was granted to himself for tomorrow.

On motion of Mr. Cheever,

Leave of absence was granted to himself for tomorrow.

On motion of Mr. Burfoot,

Leave of absence was granted to the committee on Labor indefinitely.

On motion of Mr. Weter

Leave of absence was granted to himself for tomorrow.

On motion of Mr. Pearson,

Leave of absence was granted to himself for tomorrow.

On motion of Mr. Mason,

Leave of absence was granted to himself for tomorrow.

On motion of Mr. Brownell,

Leave of absence was granted to himself for tomorrow.

On motion of Mr. Duff,

Leave of absence was granted to himself for tomorrow.

On motion of Mr. Dudley,

Leave of absence was granted to himself for tomorrow.

On motion of Mr. Colvin,

Leave of absence was granted to himself for tomorrow.

On motion of Mr. Gillette,

Leave of absence was granted to Mr. Oberdorffer indefinitely.

On motion of Mr. Gillam,

Leave of absence was granted to himself for tomorrow.

On motion of Mr. G. W. Reed,

Leave of absence was granted to himself for tomorrow.

BILLS PRESENTED TO THE GOVERNOR.

By the Clerk:

I have to report that I have this day enrolled, compared and presented to the Governor,

House bill No. 770, entitled

An act to provide for the retirement of aged and disabled firemen and the payment of pensions to the wives and children of deceased firemen killed in the service of the city of Bay City.

In accordance with the rules and order of the House: the receipt for the same being dated 11:39 a. m., March 16, 1899.

LEWIS M. MILLER,
Clerk of the House.

By the Clerk:

I have to report that I have this day enrolled, compared and presented to the Governor,

House bill No. 567, entitled

An act to authorize the village of Elkton, in the county of Huron, and State of Michigan, to borrow money and issue bonds therefor, the proceeds of which to be used to promote any public improvement in said village.

In accordance with the rules and order of the House: the receipt for the same being dated 11:39 a. m., March 16, 1899.

LEWIS M. MILLER,
Clerk of the House.

By the Clerk:

I have to report that I have this day enrolled, compared and presented to the Governor,

House bill No. 452, entitled

An act to vacate the township of Beaver Lake, in Ogemaw county, and to incorporate its territory within the adjoining township of Foster, in the county of Ogemaw.

In accordance with the rules and order of the House: the receipt for the same being dated 11:39 a. m., March 16, 1899.

LEWIS M. MILLER,
Clerk of the House.

By the Clerk:

I have to report that I have this day enrolled, compared and presented to the Governor,

House bill No. 291, entitled

An act to vacate the townships of Glencoe and Yates, of Lake county, and to dispose of the territory comprised by the said townships.

In accordance with the rules and order of the House: the receipt for the same being dated 11:39 a. m., March 16, 1899.

LEWIS M. MILLER,
Clerk of the House.

By the Clerk:

I have to report that I have this day enrolled, compared and presented to the Governor,

House bill No. 1038, entitled

An act to incorporate the village of Sunfield, in the county of Eaton.

In accordance with the rules and order of the House: the receipt for the same being dated 5:10 o'clock p. m., March 16, 1899.

LEWIS M. MILLER,
Clerk of the House.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS.

No. 235. By Mr. Anderson: Petition of Harmony Grange, No. 337, asking for the passage of the anti-color law.

Referred to the committee on State Affairs.

No. 236 By Mr. Wing: Petition of Johnstown Grange, No. 127, asking for the passage of the anti-color law.

Referred to the committee on State Affairs.

No. 237. By Mr. Wing: Petition of Baltimore Grange, No. 472, asking for the passage of the anti-color law.

Referred to the committee on State Affairs.

No. 238. By Mr. Burdick: Petition of Boardman Valley Grange, No. 664, asking for the passage of the anti-color law.

Referred to the committee on State Affairs.

No. 239. By Mr. Burdick: Petition of Alva Grange, No. 716, asking for the passage of the anti-color law.

Referred to the committee on State Affairs.

No. 240. By Mr. Burdick: Petition of E. E. Mills and 17 others of Alva Grange, asking for an appropriation for the Agricultural College. Referred to the committee on Agricultural College.

No. 241. By Mr. Burdick: Petition of Wilson Grange, No. 719, asking for the passage of the anti-color law.

Referred to the committee on State Affairs.

No. 242. By Mr. Nevins: Petition of Watson Grange, No. 154, asking for the passage of the anti-color law.

Referred to the committee on State Affairs.

No. 243. By Mr. Burdick: Petition of Batavia Grange, No. 95, asking for the passage of the anti-color law.

Referred to the committee on State Affairs.

No. 244. By Mr. Burdick: Petition of Union Grange, No. 97, asking for the passage of the anti-color law.

Referred to the committee on State Affairs.

No. 245. By Mr. McCall: Petition of Wm. Ludlow and others, of Eaton county, asking for a law to prohibit saloons within three miles of certain schools in the State.

Referred to the committee on Liquor Traffic.

No. 246. By Mr. Howell: Petition of Tipton Grange, No. 165, asking for the passage of the anti-color law.

Referred to the committee on State Affairs.

No. 247. By Mr. Hart: Petition of Four Towns Grange, No. 745, asking for the passage of the anti-color law.

Referred to the committee on State Affairs.

No. 248. By Mr. Woodruff: Petition of S. W. Hopkins and others, of Isabella county, in regard to beet sugar bounty.

Referred to the committees on State Affairs and Private Corporations.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

By the committee on Religious and Benevolent Societies:

The committee on Religious and Benevolent Societies, to whom was referred

House bill No. 299, entitled

A bill to provide for the incorporation of churches, societies and con-

gregations of Baptists and to provide for the re-incorporation of such churches and societies under the provisions of this act.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, with the accompanying substitute therefor, entitled

A bill to provide for the incorporation of Baptist churches.

Recommending that the substitute be concurred in, and that the substitute do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

LUKE LUGERS,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The question being on concurring in the substitute reported for the bill, by the committee,

The House concurred.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on Agriculture:

The committee on Agriculture, to whom was referred

House bill No. 245, entitled

A bill to prohibit the buying, selling and dealing in grain, stocks, bonds, securities, provisions and other commodities, where the persons so buying, selling and dealing, do not intend to receive or deliver the same, and are not, at the time, in the possession and control thereof, and prohibiting the keeping and maintaining of places for the purpose of carrying on or transacting such business, and fixing the penalties for the violations of the provisions hereof.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, without amendment and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

C. A. MILLER,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on Eastern Asylum for the Insane:

The committee on Eastern Asylum for the Insane, to whom was referred

House bill No. 96, entitled

A bill to provide for the erection of two detached buildings for patients, for the purchase of furniture and furnishings for the same, for enlargement of the bakery and for additional water supply, at the Eastern Michigan Asylum, and making appropriations for the same.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House with amendments thereto, recommending that the amendments be concurred in, and that the bill when so amended do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

MYRON WING,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The question being on concurring in the amendments made by the committee to the bill,

The House concurred.

The bill was then referred to the committee on Ways and Means, under the rules.

By the committee on Towns and Counties:

The committee on Towns and Counties, to whom was referred

House bill No. 555, entitled

A bill to repeal act No. 419 of the local acts of 1895, entitled "An act to exempt the county of Marquette from the provisions of act No. 149, session laws of 1893, entitled 'An act to provide for a county and township system of roads and to prescribe the powers and duties of the officers having the charge thereof.'"

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, without amendment and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

CHAS. E. WHITNEY,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on Industrial School for Boys:

The committee on Industrial School for Boys, to whom was referred

House bill No. 572, entitled

A bill making appropriations for the Industrial School for Boys for six months ending June 30, 1899, and the fiscal years ending June 30, 1900, and June 30, 1901.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House with amendments thereto, recommending that the amendments be concurred in, and that the bill when so amended do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

GEO. HOWELL,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The question being on concurring in the amendments made by the committee to the bill,

The House concurred.

The bill was then referred to the committee on Ways and Means, under the rules.

By the committee on Roads and Bridges:

The committee on Roads and Bridges, to whom was referred

House bill No. 442, entitled

A bill to regulate the width of bridges, culverts, and all artificial roadways over water courses in this State.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, without

amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

S. C. GOODYEAR,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on Towns and Counties:

The committee on Towns and Counties, to whom was referred
Senate bill No. 510, entitled

A bill to provide for the submission to the qualified electors of the township of Arenac, in the county of Arenac, State of Michigan, the question of the relief of John Buck, ex-treasurer of the township of Arenac, in said county, from liability on account of the loss of township funds occasioned through the failure of the Arenac County Bank of Standish.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

C. E. WHITNEY,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

Pending the order that the bill be printed, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order,

On motion of Mr. Wayne,

The rules were suspended, two-thirds of all the members present voting therefor, and the bill was put upon its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Aldrich	Mr. Gray	Mr. Niedermeier
Alward	Gustin	Pack
Anderson	Hammond	Pearson
Babcock	Handy	Randall
Baumgärtner	Hart	Read, J. H.
Brownell	Heck	Reed, G. W.
Burdick	Heineman	Robinson
Burfoot	Herrig	Schmidt
Buskirk	Hofmeister	Shepherd
Carton	Howell	Soper
Chamberlain	Keep	Stewart
Chandler	Kingott	Stumpfenhusen
Cheever	Laflamboy	Sutherland
Colby	Locher	Taziman
Crosby	Lugers	Van Camp
Dingley	McCall	Watters
Doyle	McKay	Wayne
Dudley	McLean	Weier
Duff	McLeod	Wells
Eikhoff	Mason	Weter

Mr. Fleischhauer	Mr. Miller	Mr. Wheeler	
Foster	Moore	Wing	
Gillam	Murdoch	Wood	
Gillette	Murphy	Woodruff	
Goodrich	Nash	Speaker	
Goodyear	Nevins		77

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Wayne,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

By the committee on Towns and Counties:

The committee on Towns and Counties, to whom was referred

House bill No. 1128, entitled

A bill to detach certain territory from the townships of Dafter, Rudyard, and Pickford, in the county of Chippewa and State of Michigan, and to organize the township of Kimoss in said county.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

CHAS. E. WHITNEY,

Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

Pending the order that the bill be printed, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order,

On motion of Mr. Chandler,

The rules were suspended, two-thirds of all the members present voting therefor, and the bill was put upon its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Aldrich	Mr. Goodrich	Mr. Nash
Alward	Goodyear	Nevins
Anderson	Gray	Niedermeier
Babcock	Gustin	Pack
Baumgaertner	Hammond	Pearson
Brownell	Handy	Randall
Burdick	Hart	Read, J. H.
Burfoot	Heck	Reed, G. W.
Buskirk	Heineman	Robinson
Carton	Herrig	Schmidt
Chamberlain	Hofmeister	Shepherd
Chandler	Howell	Soper
Cheever	Keep	Stumpfenhusen
Colby	Kingott	Sutherland
Crosby	Lafamboy	Tazlman
Davis	Locher	Van Camp

Mr. Dingley
Doyle
Dudley
Duff
Eikhoff
Fleischhauer
Foster
Gillam
Gillette

Mr. Lugers
McKay
McLean
McLeod
Mason
Miller
Moore
Murdoch
Murphy

Mr. Watters
Wayne
Wells
Weter
Wheeler
Wing
Wood
Woodruff
Speaker

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Chandler,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

By the committee on Towns and Counties:

The committee on Towns and Counties, to whom was referred
House bill No. 635, entitled

A bill providing for the payment of salaries to county officers and providing for the disposition of the fees received by such officers.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House with amendments thereto, recommending that the amendments be concurred in, and that the bill, when so amended, do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

C. E. WHITNEY.

Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The question being on concurring in the amendments made by the committee to the bill,

The House concurred.

The bill was then ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on Horticulture:

The committee on Horticulture, to whom was referred
House bill No. 451, entitled

A bill making an appropriation for promoting the horticultural interests of the State and the editing and compiling of the reports of the Michigan State Horticultural Society.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

E. BROWNELL,

Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was then referred to the committee on Ways and Means, under the rules.

By the committee on Horticulture:

The committee on Horticulture, to whom was referred

House bill No. 341, entitled

A bill to amend section 1 of act number 109 of the public acts of 1895, entitled "An act to prevent the spread of the contagious diseases known as yellows, black knot, peach rosette and pear blight among peach, plum, cherry, prune, almond, apricot, nectarine and pear trees or the fruit thereof, by providing measures for the eradication of the same and to repeal act No. 112 of the public acts of 1893, approved May 25, 1893."

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

E. BROWNELL,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on Soldier's Home:

The committee on Soldier's Home, to whom was referred

House bill No. 177, entitled

A bill to provide relief outside of the Soldier's Home for honorably discharged indigent soldiers, sailors and marines, and the indigent wives, widows and minor children of such indigent or deceased soldiers, sailors and marines, and to repeal act No. 193 as amended by act No. 2 of 1893, and act No. 253 of 1895.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

D. JUDSON HAMMOND,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on Soldiers' Home:

The committee on Soldiers' Home, to whom was referred

House bill No. 148, entitled

A bill to amend section eleven of act number 152 of the session laws of 1885, entitled "An act to authorize the establishment of a home for disabled soldiers, sailors and marines, in the State of Michigan."

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

D. JUDSON HAMMOND,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

Pending the order that the bill be printed, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

On motion of Mr. Pack,

The rules were suspended, two-thirds of all the members present voting therefor, and the bill was put upon its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Aldrich	Mr. Gillette	Mr. Nash
Alward	Goodrich	Nevins
Anderson	Goodyear	Niedermeier
Babcock	Gray	Pack
Baumgärtner	Hammond	Pearson
Brownell	Handy	Randall
Burdick	Hart	Read, J. H.
Burfoot	Heck	Reed, G. W.
Buskirk	Heineman	Robinson
Carton	Herrig	Schmidt
Chamberlain	Hofmeister	Shepherd
Chandler	Howell	Soper
Cheever	Keep	Stewart
Colby	Kerr	Stumpenhusen
Collins	Kingott	Sutherland
Colvin	Laflamboy	Taziman
Crosby	Locher	Van Camp
Davis	Lugers	Watters
Dingley	McCall	Wayne
Doyle	McKay	Wells
Dudley	McLean	Weter
Duff	Mason	Wheeler
Eikhoff	Miller	Wing
Fleischhauer	Moore	Wood
Foster	Murdoch	Woodruff
Gillam	Murphy	Speaker

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Pack,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

By the committee on Roads and Bridges:

The committee on Roads and Bridges, to whom was referred

House bill No. 504, entitled

A bill to amend act No. 243 of the public acts of 1881, entitled "An act to revise and consolidate the laws relating to the establishment, opening, improvement and maintenance of highways and private roads, and the building, repairing and preservation of bridges within this State."

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, with the accompanying substitute therefor, entitled

A bill to amend sections 7, 8, 9 and 10 of chapter 8 of act No. 243 of the public acts of 1881, entitled "An act to revise and consolidate the

laws relating to the establishment, opening, improvement and maintenance of highways and private roads, and the building, repairing and preservation of bridges within this State," the same being sections 4148, 4149, 4150 and 4151 of the compiled laws of 1897.

Recommending that the substitute be concurred in, and that the substitute do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

S. C. GOODYEAR,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The question being on concurring in the substitute reported for the bill, by the committee,

The House concurred.

The bill was then ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on State Affairs:

The committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred
House bill No. 454, entitled

A bill to prohibit hunting on the first day of the week.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, with the accompanying substitute therefor, entitled

A bill to prohibit hunting with fire-arms on the first day of the week.

But without recommendation, except that the substitute be printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

HENRY L. WOOD,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. Howell,

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on Ways and Means:

The committee on Ways and Means, to whom was referred
House bill No. 1063, entitled

A bill making an appropriation to cover the deficit of the State Board of Fish Commissioners, June 30, 1897.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

GEO. L. LUSK,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on Ways and Means:

The committee on Ways and Means, to whom was referred
House bill No. 166, entitled

A bill to amend sections 6 and 7 of act No. 53 of the public acts of 1877, entitled "An act to provide for the better support of teachers' institutes, and to repeal sections 3789, 3790 and 3791 of the compiled laws

of 1871," said sections 6 and 7 being sections 4844 and 4845 of the compiled laws of 1897.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, with amendments thereto, recommending that the amendments be concurred in, and that the bill, when so amended, do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

GEO. L. LUSK,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The question being on concurring in the amendment made by the committee to the bill,

The House concurred.

The bill was then ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on Village Corporations:

The committee on Village Corporations, to whom was referred House bill No. 224, entitled

A bill to vacate the township of Glencoe, in the county of Lake, and to incorporate its territory within the adjoining township of Dover, in Lake county.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, with the accompanying substitute therefor, entitled

A bill to vacate the village of Chase, in the county of Lake.

Recommending that the substitute be concurred in, and that the substitute do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

G. W. REED,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The question being on concurring in the substitute reported for the bill, by the committee,

The House concurred.

Pending the order that the bill be printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order,

On motion of Mr. Fleischhauer,

The rules were suspended, two-thirds of all the members present voting therefor, and the bill was put upon its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Aldrich

Anderson

Babcock

Baumgärtner

Brownell

Burfoot

Buskirk

Carton

Mr. Handy

Hart

Heck

Heineman

Herrig

Hofmeister

Howell

Keep

Mr. Nevins

Niedermeier

Pack

Randall

Read, J. H.

Reed, G. W.

Robinson

Schmidt

Mr. Chamberlain	Mr. Kerr	Mr. Shepherd
Cheever	Kingott	Soper
Colby	Lafamboy	Stumpenhusen
Dingley	Locher	Sutherland
Doyle	Lugers	Taziman
Dudley	Lusk	Van Camp
Duff	McKay	Watters
Eikhoff	McLeod	Wayne
Fleischhauer	Mason	Weier
Gillam	Miller	Wells
Gillette	Moore	Weter
Goodrich	Murdoch	Wheeler
Goodyear	Murphy	Wing
Gray	Nash	Speaker
Hammond		

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Mr. Wood

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Fleischhauer,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

By the committee on Judiciary:

The committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred

Joint resolution No. 405, entitled

Joint resolution for the relief of the compiler of the compiled laws of 1897.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

F. SHEPHERD,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The joint resolution was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on Judiciary:

The committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred

House bill No. 464, entitled

A bill to restrain the loaning of money upon chattel security.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to request of the House that the bill be printed for the use of the committee.

F. SHEPHERD,
Chairman.

Report accepted.

The question being on ordering the bill printed for the use of the committee,

The House so ordered.

By the committee on Judiciary:

The committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred

House bill No. 342, entitled

A bill to change the name of Frank Crawford to Frank Lull.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

F. SHEPHERD,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

Pending the order that the bill be printed, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order,

On motion of Mr. Nevins,

The rules were suspended, two-thirds of all the members present voting therefor, and the bill was put upon its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Aldrich	Mr. Goodyear	Mr. Nash
Alward	Gray	Nevins
Anderson	Gustin	Pack
Babcock	Hammond	Pearson
Baumgaertner	Handy	Randall
Brownell	Hart	Read, J. H.
Burdick	Heck	Reed, G. W.
Burfoot	Heineman	Robinson
Buskirk	Herrig	Schmidt
Carton	Howell	Shepherd
Chamberlain	Kelly	Soper
Cheever	Kerr	Stewart
Colby	Kingott	Sutherland
Crosby	Laflamboy	Taziman
Davis	Locher	Van Camp
Doyle	Lugers	Watters
Dudley	McCall	Wayne
Duff	McKay	Weier
Eikhoff	McLeod	Wells
Foster	Mason	Weter
Gillam	Moore	Wheeler
Gillette	Murdoch	Wing
Goodrich	Murphy	Speaker

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Nevins,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

By the committee on Judiciary:

The committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred
House bill No. 31, entitled

A bill to amend sections 1, 3 and 5 of an act entitled "An act to provide for the incorporation of institutions of learning," approved February 9, 1855, being sections No. 4373, 4375 and 4377 of Howell's annotated statutes as heretofore amended.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House with amendments thereto, recommending that the amendments be concurred in, and that the bill when so amended do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

F. SHEPHERD,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The question being on concurring in the amendments made by the committee to the bill,

The House concurred.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on Judiciary:

The committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred
House bill No. 106, entitled

A bill to change the name of Anna Bertha Marr to Anna Bertha McCrillis.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

F. SHEPHERD,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

Pending the order that the bill be printed, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order,

On motion of Mr. Shepherd,

The rules were suspended, two-thirds of all the members present voting therefor, and the bill was put upon its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Aldrich

Alward

Anderson

Babcock

Baumgaertner

Brownell

Burdick

Buskirk

Chamberlain

Chandler

Mr. Handy

Hart

Heck

Heineman

Herrig

Howell

Kelly

Kerr

Kingott

Laflamboy

Mr. Pearson

Randall

Read, J. H.

Reed, G. W.

Robinson

Schmidt

Shepherd

Soper

Stewart

Stumpenhusen

Mr. Cheever
Colby
Crosby
Dingley
Doyle
Duff
Eikhoff
Gillam
Gillette
Goodrich
Goodyear
Gustin
Hammond

Mr. Locher
Lugers
McCall
McKay
McLeod
Mason
Miller
Moore
Murdoch
Murphy
Nash
Nevins
Pack

Mr. Sutherland
Taziman
Van Camp
Watters
Weier
Wells
Weter
Wheeler
Wing
Wood
Woodruff
Speaker

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Shepherd,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

By the committee on Judiciary:

The committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred

House bill No. 8 (file No. 5), entitled

A bill relating to negotiable instruments.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

F. SHEPHERD,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on City Corporations:

The committee on City Corporations, to whom was referred

House bill No. 854, entitled

A bill to transfer to the city of Detroit the title to all the property of every name and nature, now owned, operated and controlled by the Board of Water Commissioners of the city of Detroit under the powers, rights and privileges granted said Board of Water Commissioners by an act entitled "An act to amend the laws relative to supplying the city of Detroit with pure and wholesome water," approved February 14, 1853, and the acts amendatory thereto, and to give to said city of Detroit the possession, control and operation, and management of said property, and to repeal all acts and parts of acts in conflict therewith.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to request of the House that the bill be printed for the use of the committee.

P. HERRIG,
Chairman.

Report accepted.

The question being on ordering the bill printed for the use of the committee,

The House so ordered.

By the committee on City Corporations:

The committee on City Corporations, to whom was referred

House bill No. 605, entitled

A bill to amend an act entitled "An act to provide a charter for the city of Detroit and to repeal all acts and parts of acts in conflict therewith," approved June 7, 1883, by adding a new section to stand as section 12 of chapter 13.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to request of the House that the bill be printed for the use of the committee.

P. HERRIG,
Chairman.

Report accepted.

The question being on ordering the bill printed for the use of the committee,

The House so ordered.

By the committee on City Corporations:

The committee on City Corporations, to whom was referred

House bill No. 280, entitled

A bill to amend section 13 of the act entitled "An act to establish a police government for the city of Detroit," approved April 17, 1871, and the acts amendatory thereof.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

P. HERRIG,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on City Corporations:

The committee on City Corporations, to whom was referred

House bill No. 279, entitled

A bill to amend section 1 of act No. 96 of the public acts of the year 1889, of the public acts of the State of Michigan, entitled "An act to provide for the compensation of the coroners of Wayne county.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

P. HERRIG,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on City Corporations:

The committee on City Corporations, to whom was referred

House bill No. 603, entitled

A bill relative to the construction of buildings in the city of Detroit.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, without amendment and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

P. HERRIG,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on City Corporations:

The committee on City Corporations, to whom was referred

House bill No. 853, entitled

A bill to amend an act, approved June 2, 1897, and entitled "An act to amend section 10 of chapter 10 of an act entitled 'An act to provide a charter for the city of Detroit, and to repeal all acts and parts of acts in conflict therewith, approved June 7, 1883.'"

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, without amendment and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

P. HERRIG,
Chairman.

Report accepted.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on City Corporations:

The committee on City Corporations, to whom was referred

House bill No. 297, entitled

A bill providing for the appointment, compensation and the duties of a stenographer for the circuit court commissioners' courts for the county of Wayne, and for taking and transcribing of testimony in cases on examination.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

P. HERRIG,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on City Corporations:

The committee on City Corporations, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 30 (file No. 34), entitled

A bill to amend section 100 of act No. 331 of the local acts of Michigan, of the year 1889, approved March 15, 1899, entitled "An act to reincorporate the city of Ann Arbor, revise the charter of said city, and repeal all conflicting acts relating thereto."

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration,

and have directed me to report the same back to the House, without amendment and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

P. HERRIG,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on City Corporations:

The committee on City Corporations, to whom was referred
House bill No. 875, entitled

A bill to provide for public notice of proposed charter changes and the method by which the city of Detroit may alter or amend its charter.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration and have directed me to request of the House that the bill be printed for the use of the committee.

P. HERRIG,
Chairman.

Report accepted.

The question being on ordering the bill printed for the use of the committee,

The House so ordered.

By the committee on Elections:

The committee on Elections, to whom was referred
House joint resolution No. 289 (file No. 44), entitled

A joint resolution proposing amendments to sections 1 and 20 of article 4 of the constitution of this State, and also to add three new sections thereto to stand as sections 50, 51 and 52 relative to granting legislative power to the electors and the manner of exercising the same.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House with amendments thereto, recommending that the amendments be concurred in, and that the bill when so amended do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

SHERMAN T. HANDY,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The question being on concurring in the amendment made by the committee to the bill,

The House concurred.

The bill was then ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

By the special joint committees on Private Corporations, Railroads and General Taxation:

The special joint committees on Private Corporations, Railroads and General Taxation, to whom was referred
House bill No. 70 (file No. 10), entitled

A bill to amend section 66 of act No. 206 of the public acts of 1893, entitled "An act to provide for the assessment of property and the levy and

collection of taxes thereon, and for the collection of taxes heretofore and hereafter levied, making such taxes a lien on the lands taxed, establishing and continuing such lien, providing for the sale and conveyance of lands delinquent for taxes, and for the inspection and disposition of lands bid off to the State and not redeemed or purchased, and to repeal act No. 200 of the public acts of 1891, and all other acts and parts of acts in anywise contravening any of the provisions of this act," approved June 1, 1893, as amended by act No. 162 of the public acts of 1895, approved May 18, 1895.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House and recommend that the bill be referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

L. H. McCALL,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committees discharged.

The question being on concurring in the request made by the committees for the reference of the bill to the committee of the whole,

The House concurred, and the bill was so referred.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR.

The Speaker announced the following:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Lansing, March 15, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I have this day approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State,

House bill No. 3 (file No. 1), being

An act to provide for the assessment and levy of taxes upon the property of railroad companies, express companies, telegraph companies, and telephone companies and the collection thereof, and the designation and election of a State Board of Assessors to make such assessment and levy, and defining the duties of such board, and the compensation of its members, and to repeal all other acts or parts of acts, whether in the acts for incorporation of union railroad station and depot grounds, or any other law of this State, so far as such acts or parts of acts are inconsistent with this act, and no further, and to apply the taxes assessed and collected under this act to pay "the interest upon the primary school, university and other educational funds and the interest and principal of the State debt, in the order herein recited until the extinguishment of the State debt, other educational funds and the interest and principal of the State debt, lected under this act be added to and constitute a part of the primary school interest fund."

Respectfully,
H. S. PINGREE,
Governor.

The message was ordered spread on the Journal.

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.

The Speaker announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, March 16, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed by the Senate to transmit to the House the following bill:

Senate bill No. 89, entitled

A bill to amend act No. 183 of the public acts of 1897, entitled "An act to provide for the appointment and to fix the term of office, duties and compensation of circuit court stenographers in the State of Michigan," approved May 29, 1897, and to add a new section to stand between sections 48 and 49 of said act, to be known as section 48a.

Which has passed the Senate by a majority vote of all the Senators elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect has been ordered to take immediate effect, and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,
CHARLES S. PIERCE,
Secretary of the Senate.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Carton,

The rules were suspended, two-thirds of all the members present voting therefor, and the bill was put upon its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Aldrich	Mr. Goodyear	Mr. Murphy
Alward	Gray	Nash
Anderson	Hammond	Nevins
Babcock	Hart	Pearson
Baumgärtner	Heck	Randall
Brownell	Heineman	Read, J. H.
Burfoot	Herrig	Robinson
Buskirk	Hofmeister	Schmidt
Carton	Howell	Shepherd
Chamberlain	Keep	Soper
Chandler	Kelly	Stumpfenhusen
Cheever	Kerr	Sutherland
Colby	Kingott	Taziman
Davis	Lafamboy	Van Camp
Dingley	Locher	Watters
Doyle	Lusk	Weier
Dudley	McCall	Wells
Duff	McKay	Weter
Fleischhauer	McLeod	Wheeler

Mr. Foster
Gillam
Gillette
Goodrich

Mr. Mason
Miller
Moore
Murdoch

Mr. Wing
Wood
Speaker

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Carton,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, March 16, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House the following joint resolution:

House joint resolution No. 348 (file No. 36), entitled

Joint resolution to authorize and instruct the Board of State Auditors to examine into, and, if they deem it justifiable, to allow the claim of William T. Densmore for injuries sustained by him from the premature discharge of a cannon, while engaged in the regular performance of his duties as a member of the Hudson Light Artillery Company, an organized volunteer militia company, organized under the laws of the State of Michigan, at Hudson, Michigan.

And to inform the House that the Senate has amended the same, as follows:

By striking out lines 9, 10, 11 and 12 and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "him a monthly compensation of fifteen dollars until such monthly payments shall, in the aggregate, equal a sum not to exceed two thousand dollars: Provided, That compensation shall cease immediately upon the death of said William T. Densmore."

In the passage of which, as amended, the Senate has concurred by a majority vote of all the Senators elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect, has ordered the same to take immediate effect.

Very respectfully,

CHARLES S. PIERCE,
Secretary of the Senate.

The question being on concurring in the amendments made by the Senate to the bill,

The House concurred, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Alward
Babcock
Baumgärtner
Brownell
Burdick
Burfoot

Mr. Gray
Hammond
Hart
Heck
Heinemen
Herrig

Mr. Niedermeier
Pearson
Randall
Read, J. H.
Reed, G. W.
Robinson

Mr. Buskirk	Mr. Hofmeister	Mr. Schmidt
Chamberlain	Howell	Shepherd
Chandler	Keep	Soper
Cheever	Kelly	Stewart
Colby	Kerr	Stumpenhusen
Collins	Kingott	Sutherland
Crosby	Lafamboy	Taziman
Dingley	Locher	Van Camp
Doyle	Lugers	Watters
Dudley	Lusk	Wayne
Duff	McCall	Weier
Eikhoff	McKay	Wells
Fleischhauer	Miller	Weter
Gillam	Moore	Wing
Gillette	Murdoch	Woodruff
Goodrich	Murphy	Speaker
Goodyear	Nash	

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The bill was referred for enrollment and presentation to the Governor, under the rules.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, March 15, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House the following bill:

House bill No. 158, entitled

A bill to amend section 6 of act No. 304, session laws of 1897, entitled "An act to provide a general law under which corporations may be formed to carry on printing, publishing and book making, and any or either of them," approved June 28, 1887, being compiler's section 4205f of chapter 129, of volume 3 of Howell's annotated statutes of the State of Michigan.

In the passage of which the Senate has concurred by a majority vote of all the Senators elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect, has ordered the same to take immediate effect.

Very respectfully,

CHARLES S. PIERCE,
Secretary of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Crosby,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

The bill was referred for enrollment and presentation to the Governor, under the rules.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, March 14, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House the following bill.

House bill No. 755, entitled

A bill to authorize the board of education of the city of Escanaba, county of Delta and State of Michigan, to borrow money and issue bonds, in the sum of \$15,000, to be used in the erection of a school building in the city, and in the purchase of a site therefor.

In the passage of which the Senate has concurred by a majority vote of all the Senators elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect, has ordered the same to take immediate effect.

Very respectfully,

CHARLES S. PIERCE,

Secretary of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Gillam,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

The bill was referred for enrollment and presentation to the Governor, under the rules.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,

Lansing, March 14, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House the following bill:

House bill No. 157, entitled

A bill to amend section 1 of an act entitled "An act to revise and amend act No. 346 of the local acts of 1881, entitled 'An act to revise an act to incorporate the city of Bay City,' approved March 30, 1881, as amended and revised by the several acts amendatory and revisionary thereof," approved May 29, 1897.

And to inform the House that the Senate has adopted a substitute therefor, entitled

A bill to amend act No. 448 of the local acts of 1897, entitled "An act to revise and amend act No. 346 of the local acts of 1881, entitled 'An act to revise and act to incorporate the city of Bay City,' approved March 13, 1881, as amended and revised by the several acts amendatory and revisionary thereof," approved May 29, 1897.

In the passage of which, as thus substituted, the Senate has concurred by a majority vote of all the Senators elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect, has ordered the same to take immediate effect.

Very respectfully,

CHARLES S. PIERCE,

Secretary of the Senate.

The question being on concurring in the amendment made by the Senate to the bill.

On motion of Mr. Gillam,

The bill was laid on the table.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,

Lansing, March 15, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House the following bill:

House bill No. 566, entitled

A bill to authorize the township of Oliver, in the county of Huron, and State of Michigan, to borrow money with which to encourage and promote the building and operation of a factory for the manufacture and refining of sugar from beets, or any other public improvement for the benefit of said township.

And to inform the House that the Senate has amended the title to read as follows:

A bill to authorize the township of Oliver, in the county of Huron, and State of Michigan, to borrow money and issue bonds therefor, the proceeds of which are to be used to promote any public improvements in said township.

And also to inform the House that the Senate has amended the body of the bill as follows:

1. By striking out of line 8 of section 1 all after the word "of," and in line 9 the word "or," also the word "other."

2. By inserting in line 1 of section 2 after the word money the words "and issuing such bonds."

3. By striking out of line 2 of section 3 the word "such," and inserting in lieu thereof the word "the."

4. In line 2 of section 3, after the word "electors," insert the words "voting at such elections."

In the passage of which, as thus amended, the Senate has concurred by a majority vote of all the Senators elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect has ordered the same to take immediate effect.

Very respectfully,

CHARLES S. PIERCE,
Secretary of the Senate.

The question being on concurring in the amendment made by the Senate to the bill,

The House concurred, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Aldrich
Anderson
Babcock
Baumgärtner
Brownell
Burdick
Burfoot
Chamberlain
Chandler
Colby
Collins
Colvin
Crosby
Davis
Dingley
Doyle

Mr. Gray
Hammond
Handy
Hart
Heck
Heineman
Herrig
Howell
Keep
Kelly
Kerr
Kingott
Lafamboy
Locher
McCall
McKay

Mr. Nevins
Niedermeier
Pack
Pearson
Randall
Read, J. H.
Reed, G. W.
Robinson
Schmidt
Shepherd
Soper
Stewart
Stumpfenhusen
Van Camp
Watters
Weier

Mr. Dudley
Duff
Eikhoff
Fleischhauer
Gillam
Gillette
Goodrich
Goodyear

Mr. McLean
McLeod
Miller
Moore
Murdoch
Murphy
Nash

Mr. Wells
Weter
Wheeler
Wing
Wood
Woodruff
Speaker

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The bill was referred for enrollment and presentation to the Governor, under the rules.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, March 16, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed by the Senate to transmit to the House the following joint resolution:

Senate joint resolution No. 513, entitled

Joint resolution for the publication, printing and binding of 10,000 copies of the history of Michigan organizations at Chickamauga, Chattanooga and Missionary Ridge, written by Captain Charles E. Belknap, and to provide for the distribution of same.

Which has passed the Senate by a majority vote of all the Senators elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect has been ordered to take immediate effect, and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

CHARLES S. PIERCE,
Secretary of the Senate.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Dingley,

The bill was laid on the table.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, March 16, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed by the Senate to transmit to the House the following bill:

Senate bill No. 355, entitled

A bill to amend section No. 2 of act No. 211 of the local acts of 1891, entitled "An act to incorporate the city of St. Louis, in the county of Gratiot, and to repeal act No. 378 of the local acts of 1887, entitled 'An act to re-incorporate the village of St. Louis, in Gratiot county,' approved March 4, 1897," relative to changing the boundaries of the wards of said city of St. Louis, in Gratiot county.

Which has passed the Senate by a majority vote of all the Senators elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect has been or-

dered to take immediate effect, and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,
CHARLES S. PIERCE,
 Secretary of the Senate.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Wood,

The rules were suspended, two-thirds of all the members present voting therefor, and the bill was put upon its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Aldrich	Mr. Gray	Mr. Pack	
Alward	Gustin	Randall	
Anderson	Hammond	Read, J. H.	
Babcock	Handy	Reed, G. W.	
Baumgärtner	Heck	Robinson	
Brownell	Heineman	Schmidt	
Chamberlain	Hofmeister	Shepherd	
Chandler	Howell	Soper	
Cheever	Keep	Stewart	
Colby	Kelly	Stumpenhusen	
Collins	Kerr	Taziman	
Colvin	Kingott	Van Camp	
Crosby	Laflamboy	Watters	
Davis	Locher	Wayne	
Dingley	Lugers	Weier	
Doyle	McCall	Wells	
Dudley	McKay	Weter	
Duff	McLean	Wheeler	
Eikhoff	McLeod	Wing	
Gillam	Moore	Wood	
Gillette	Murdoch	Woodruff	
Goodrich	Nash	Speaker	
Goodyear	Niedermeier		68

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Wood,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
 Lansing, March 16, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed by the Senate to transmit to the House the following bill:

Senate bill No. 356, entitled

A bill to amend section 1 of act No. 211 of the local acts of 1891, entitled "An act to incorporate the city of St. Louis, Gratiot county, and to repeal act No. 378 of the local acts of 1887," approved March 4, 1887.

Which has passed the Senate by a majority vote of all the Senators elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect has been ordered to take immediate effect, and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

CHARLES S. PIERCE,

Secretary of the Senate.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Wood,

The rules were suspended, two-thirds of all the members present voting therefor, and the bill was put upon its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Aldrich	Mr. Goodrich	Mr. Niedermeier
Alward	Goodyear	Pack
Anderson	Gray	Randall
Babcock	Gustin	Read, J. H.
Baumgärtner	Hammond	Reed, G. W.
Brownell	Handy	Robinson
Burfoot	Heck	Schmidt
Buskirk	Heineman	Shepherd
Chamberlain	Herrig	Soper
Chandler	Hofmeister	Stewart
Cheever	Howell	Stumpenhusen
Colby	Keep	Taziman
Collins	Laflamboy	Van Camp
Colvin	Locher	Watters
Crosby	Lugers	Wayne
Davis	McKay	Weier
Dingley	McLean	Wells
Doyle	McLeod	Weter
Duff	Miller	Wheeler
Eikhoff	Moore	Wing
Fleischhauer	Murdock	Wood
Gillam	Murphy	Speaker
Gillette	Nash	

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Wood,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, March 15, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed by the Senate to transmit to the House the following bill:

Senate bill No. 99, entitled

A bill to repeal act No. 213 of the session laws of 1893, entitled "An act to provide a board of jury commissioners for the county of St. Clair, and the manner of selecting jurors to serve in the circuit court for said county, and to prescribe their duties and to fix their compensation, and to punish violations of said act," as amended by act No. 46 of the session laws of 1895.

Which has passed the Senate by a majority vote of all the Senators elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect has been ordered to take immediate effect, and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,
CHARLES S. PIERCE,
Secretary of the Senate.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, March 15, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed by the Senate to transmit to the House the following bill:

Senate bill No. 380, entitled

A bill to change the name of the village of Sand Beach, in the county of Huron, to that of "Harbor Beach."

Which has passed the Senate by a majority vote of all the Senators elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect has been ordered to take immediate effect, and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,
CHARLES S. PIERCE,
Secretary of the Senate.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Murdoch,

The rules were suspended, two-thirds of all the members present voting therefor, and the bill was put upon its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Aldrich
Alward

Mr. Gray
Hammond

Mr. Niedermeier
Pack

Mr. Anderson	Mr. Handy	Mr. Randall
Babcock	Hart	Read, J. H.
Baumgaertner	Heck	Reed, G. W.
Brownell	Heineman	Robinson
Burfoot	Herrig	Schmidt
Buskirk	Hofmeister	Shepherd
Chamberlain	Howell	Soper
Chandler	Keep	Stewart
Cheever	Laflamboy	Stumpenhusen
Colby	Locher	Taziman
Collins	Lugers	Van Camp
Davis	McCall	Watters
Dingley	McKay	Wayne
Doyle	McLean	Weier
Duff	McLeod	Wells
Eikhoff	Mason	Weter
Fleischhauer	Miller	Wheeler
Gillam	Moore	Wing
Gillette	Murdoch	Wood
Goodrich	Nash	Woodruff
Goodyear	Nevins	Speaker

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Murdoch.

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, March 15, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed by the Senate to transmit to the House the following bill:

Senate bill No. 311, entitled

A bill to prohibit taking or catching fish in any of the waters of Mecosta county by any means whatever, except with hook and line.

Which has passed the Senate by a majority vote of all the Senators elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect has been ordered to take immediate effect, and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Very Respectfully,

CHARLES S. PIERCE,
Secretary of the Senate.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

Pending the order that the bill be printed, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order,

On motion of Mr. G. W. Reed,

The rules were suspended, two-thirds of all the members present voting therefor, and the bill was put upon its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Aldrich	Mr. Gray	Mr. Nevins
Alward	Hammond	Niedermeier
Anderson	Handy	Pack
Babcock	Hart	Randall
Baumgaertner	Heck	Read, J. H.
Brownell	Heineman	Reed, G. W.
Burfoot	Herrig	Robinson
Buskirk	Hofmeister	Schmidt
Chamberlain	Howell	Shepherd
Chandler	Keep	Soper
Cheever	Kelly	Stewart
Colby	Kerr	Stumpenhusen
Collins	Kingott	Van Camp
Crosby	Laflamboy	Watters
Davis	Locher	Wayne
Dingley	Lugers	Weier
Doyle	McCall	Wells
Dudley	McKay	Weter
Duff	Mason	Wheeler
Fleischhauer	Miller	Wing
Gillam	Moore	Wood
Gillette	Murdoch	Woodruff
Goodrich	Murphy	Speaker
Goodyear	Nash	

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. G. W. Reed,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, March 15, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed by the Senate to transmit to the House the following bill:

Senate bill No. 4 (file No. 7), entitled

A bill to amend sections 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 9, 13, 14, 15 and 16 of act No. 207 of the public acts of 1889, and to add a new section to stand as section 25, and to repeal section 7 of said act No. 207 of the public acts of 1889, entitled "An act to prohibit the manufacture, sale, keeping for sale, giving away or furnishing of vinous, malt, brewed, fermented, spirituous or intoxicating liquors, or any mixed liquor or beverage, any part of which is intoxicating, and to prohibit the keeping of any saloon or other place for the manufacture, sale, storing for sale, giving away or furnishing of

such liquors or beverages, and to suspend the general laws of the State relative to the taxation and regulation of the manufacture and sale of such liquors in the several counties of this State under certain circumstances; to authorize the qualified electors of the several counties of this State to express their will in regard to such prohibition by an election, and to authorize and empower the board of supervisors of the several counties, after such election, if they shall determine the result to be in favor of such prohibition, to prohibit the manufacture, sale, keeping for sale, giving away, or furnishing of any such liquors, or the keeping of a saloon or any other place for the manufacture, sale, storing for sale, giving away or furnishing of the same in their respective counties; and to provide for penalties and rights of action in case of its violation."

Which has passed the Senate by a majority vote of all the Senators elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect has been ordered to take immediate effect, and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Very Respectfully,
CHARLES S. PIERCE,
Secretary of the Senate.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Liquor Traffic.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, March 15, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed by the Senate to transmit to the House the following bill:

Senate bill No. 10 (file No. 35), entitled

A bill making appropriations for the Michigan Pioneer and Historical Society for the years 1899 and 1900.

Which has passed the Senate by a majority vote of all the Senators elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect has been ordered to take immediate effect, and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,
CHARLES S. PIERCE,
Secretary of the Senate.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, March 16, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House the following bill:

House bill No. 233, entitled

A bill to amend section 2 of chapter 20 of "An act relative to free schools in the city of Detroit," approved February 24, 1869, and amended March 28, 1873, March 11, 1881, and June 8, 1883.

In the passage of which the Senate has concurred by a majority vote

of all the Senators elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect has ordered the same to take immediate effect.

Very respectfully,

CHARLES S. PIERCE,
Secretary of the Senate.

The bill was referred for enrollment and presentation to the Governor, under the rules.

THIRD READING OF BILLS.

House bill No. 83 (file No. 54), entitled

A bill to amend act No. 428 of the local acts of the year 1897, being an act entitled "An act providing for the appointment, fixing the compensation and defining the duties of stenographer for the probate court for the county of Lapeer, and for the taking and transcribing of testimony on examination of persons charged with criminal offenses in the county of Lapeer," approved May 7, 1897.

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Alward	Mr. Hammond	Mr. Randall
Babcock	Hart	Read, J. H.
Baumgärtner	Heck	Robinson
Chandler	Heineman	Schmidt
Cheever	Howell	Shepherd
Collins	Keep	Soper
Colvin	Kelly	Stumpenhusen
Crosby	Kingott	Sutherland
Doyle	Lafamboy	Taziman
Dudley	Locher	Van Camp
Duff	Lugers	Watters
Eikhoff	McCall	Wayne
Fleischhauer	McKay	Wells
Gillam	Miller	Weter
Gillette	Murdoch	Wheeler
Goodrich	Murphy	Wing
Goodyear	Nash	Wood
Gray	Nevins	Speaker
Gustin		

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Title agreed to.

House bill No. 18 (file No. 32), entitled

A bill to protect the professional title and degrees of veterinary surgeon, doctor of veterinary medicine and surgery, and veterinarian, and their abbreviations, and to restrict the use of such titles and their abbreviations to regular graduates of recognized colleges or schools of veterinary medicine and surgery and those having passed a satisfactory examination before a State Veterinary Board, to create a State Veterinary Board for

registration of veterinary surgeons, doctors of veterinary medicine and surgery, and veterinarians.

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therfor, by yeas and nays as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Alward	Mr. Heineman	Mr. Pack
Baumgärtner	Hofmeister	Randall
Burdick	Howell	Read, J. H.
Buskirk	Keep	Reed, G. W.
Chamberlain	Kelly	Robinson
Chandler	Kerr	Schmidt
Cheever	Kingott	Soper
Colvin	Lafamboy	Stumpenhusen
Crosby	Locher	Sutherland
Dingley	Lugers	Taziman
Dudley	Lusk	Van Camp
Duff	McCall	Waterbury
Fleischhauer	McKay	Watters
Gillette	McLean	Wayne
Goodrich	Miller	Weier
Goodyear	Murdoch	Wells
Gray	Murphy	Weter
Gustin	Nash	Wing
Hammond	Nevins	Speaker
Handy	Niedermeier	

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Title agreed to.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Anderson moved to take from the table

1. House bill No. 623, entitled

A bill to amend section 31 of title 4 of act No. 374 of the local acts of the State of Michigan for the year 1897, entitled "An act to revise the charter of the city of Grand Rapids," approved March 25, 1897.

2. House bill No. 624, entitled

A bill to amend sections 2, 3 and 8 of title 6 of act No. 374 of the local acts of the State of Michigan for the year 1897, entitled "An act to revise the charter of the city of Grand Rapids," approved March 25, 1897.

3. House bill No. 626, entitled

A bill to amend sections 1, 6 and 7 of title 2 of act No. 374 of the local acts of the State of Michigan for the year 1897, entitled "An act to revise the charter of the city of Grand Rapids," approved March 25, 1897.

4. House bill No. 627, entitled

A bill to amend sections 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 13 of title 9 of act No. 374 of the local acts of the State of Michigan for the year 1897, entitled "An act to revise the charter of the city of Grand Rapids," approved

March 25, 1897, and to add nine new sections to said title from 46 to 54 inclusive.

5. House bill No. 628, entitled

A bill to amend sections 1, 5, 6 and 9 of title 7 of act No. 374 of the local acts of the State of Michigan for the year 1897, entitled "An act to revise the charter of the city of Grand Rapids," approved March 25, 1897, and to add four new sections to said title to stand as sections 16, 17, 18 and 19.

6. House bill No. 629, entitled

A bill in relation to the cemeteries and parks in the city of Grand Rapids, to create a board of cemetery and park commissioners in said city, to define their duties and fix their compensation, and to repeal title 11 of act No. 374 of the local acts of the State of Michigan for the year 1897, entitled "An act to revise the charter of the city of Grand Rapids," approved March 25, 1897.

7. House bill No. 1067, entitled

A bill to amend and revise the charter of the city of Grand Rapids, being act No. 374 of the local acts of the State of Michigan for the year 1897, approved March 25, 1897.

Which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Anderson,

The seven named bills were referred to the committee on City Corporations.

Mr. Chamberlain offered the following:

Resolved, That when the House adjourns today, it stand adjourned until tomorrow at 10 o'clock a. m.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Gillam moved that there be a call of the House.

Which motion prevailed.

PROCEEDINGS UNDER THE CALL.

The roll of the House was called by the clerk, and the following members were reported absent without leave: Messrs. Brownell, Collins, Foster, Herrig, Kerr, McLeod, Mason, Moore, Pearson and Shepherd.

On motion of Mr. McKay,

Mr. Brownell was excused from the operation of the call.

On motion of Mr. Dudley,

Mr. Dudley was excused from the operation of the call.

On motion of Mr. Heineman,

Mr. Shepherd was excused from the operation of the call.

On motion of Mr. Hofmeister,

Mr. Pearson was excused from the operation of the call.

On motion of Mr. Pack,

Mr. Moore was excused from the operation of the call.

The business of the House was then proceeded with, the doors being closed under the operation of the call.

Mr. Gray offered the following:

Whereas, The present Commissioner of Railroads has just closed his term of two years as such officer, during which time he has made a most efficient and satisfactory record, for the people of the State, and by con-

struing the present tax laws more strictly in favor of the State, has increased the amount of specific taxes received more than \$200,000 per annum; and

Whereas, Since the Legislature convened he has, upon request, greatly assisted its members in the drafting of their bills; and

Whereas, He has freely and generously devoted unlimited time and attention in investigating and compiling statistics relative to all matters concerning railroads, thus assisting the members of the Legislature in the performance of their legislative duties, and has freely tendered them the use of his office and office force, both early and late, for their convenience; therefore be it

Resolved, That the thanks of this House be tendered Mr. Sybrant Wesselius, Commissioner of Railroads, for the valuable services performed and assistance given, and for the kindness shown, and that we do hereby commend him for the valuable and most successful administration which he is about to close.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution,

Mr. Kelly demanded the yeas and nays.

The demand was seconded, and

Pending the vote thereon,

Mr. Wood moved that the House adjourn.

Which motion did not prevail.

The question again being on the adoption of the resolution,

Mr. Davis moved that the resolution do lie on the table.

Which motion did not prevail.

The question being on the adoption of the resolutions,

Mr. Gustin moved that the resolutions be referred to the committee on State Affairs.

Pending discussion,

Mr. Murdoch demanded the previous question.

The demand was seconded.

The question being shall the main question be now put,

The same was ordered.

The motion that the resolutions be referred to the committee on State Affairs, did not then prevail.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution,

The resolution was adopted, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Aldrich	Mr. Goodyear	Mr. Miller
Alward	Gray	Murdoch
Anderson	Gustin	Murphy
Baumgaertner	Hammond	Nash
Chamberlain	Handy	Nevins
Chandler	Heck	Randall
Cheever	Heineman	Read, J. H.
Colby	Herrig	Reed, G. W.
Collins	Hofmeister	Soper
Crosby	Howell	Stewart
Dingley	Keep	Sutherland

Mr. Duff	Mr. Kingott	Mr. Watters
Eikhoff	Laflamboy	Wheeler
Fleischhauer	Locher	Wing
Gillam	McKay	Woodruff
Gillette	McLean	Speaker
Goodrich		

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Mr. Burdick	Mr. Buskirk	Mr. Kelly
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On motion of Mr. Chamberlain,

The following report was taken from the table:

By the Special Committee to Investigate Fisheries:

Your special committee upon Fisheries authorized by resolution January 23, 1899, to investigate and report to the House upon the following propositions, to-wit:

What effect the close season law has had upon the sale and price of fish to the consumer.

What reasons prompted the enactment of the law for the close season upon fish.

Why the syndicate commonly known as the fish trust, were interested in the passage of a law for close season and are interested in the maintenance of a close season.

Why the members of the Game Warden's department are interested in maintaining a close season law.

Why the Michigan Fish Commission were in favor in 1897 of the enactment of a law for a close season and are now in favor of its repeal.

Why the United States Fish Commission are not in favor of a close season upon whitefish and trout.

How the close season has affected the commercial fishermen of this State.

What effect the close season upon fish has had upon the sale of fish in this State, and to report such remedial legislation with reference thereto as the exigencies of the subject matter may demand, beg leave to report as follows:

All interested parties were invited to appear before your committee. The members of the Michigan Fish Commission, H. W. Davis, of Grand Rapids, F. B. Dickerson, of Detroit, Herschel Whittaker, of Detroit. Commissioners; Seymour Bowers, superintendent, of Detroit; George E. Mussey, Secretary, of Detroit; C. H. Moore, Statistician, of Detroit; John H. Bissel, ex-member of the Michigan Fish Commission, of Detroit; Frank N. Clark, of the United States Fish Commission; Charles E. Brewster, Chief Deputy Game Warden; C. E. Ainsworth, director of A. Booth & Company; A. G. McDonald, manager for A. Booth & Company; Charles Noble, Jr., E. A. Davis, both of Detroit, and R. D. Winegar, of Escanaba, employes of A. Booth & Company; Henry Niedermeier, of Monroe; Earle Edgerton, of L'Anse; Casper Alpern, of Alpena; Peter Jensen, of Escanaba; D. M. Trumpour, of Bay City; William J. Orr, of Bayport; Henry A. Benson, of West Bay City; William Haven, of St.

Joseph; J. N. Dewey, of Monroe; commercial fishermen and wholesale fish dealers; Joseph Heffner, of Detroit; John Kelting, of Detroit; Aaron Solomon, of Detroit; Charles Danto, of Detroit; Samuel H. Davis, of Detroit; A. Levy, of Detroit, and George R. Ward, of Detroit; retail fish dealers; appeared before your committee.

Besides the testimony of these persons, your committee has received many letters bearing upon the questions under consideration.

From the information received and testimony taken, all of which is submitted herewith with this report, your committee finds as follows:

I.

That act No. 152 of the public acts of 1897, the law commonly known as the close season law, was passed during the session of the Legislature of 1897, at the instigation of the Michigan Fish Commission, assisted by men retained by the A. Booth Packing Company, of Chicago.

That F. B. Dickerson, of the Michigan Fish Commission, was largely instrumental in the passage of this law, having spent considerable time in Lansing during that session to carry out the policy of the Michigan Fish Commission.

That Mr. Dickerson and Mr. Davis of the Commission, not having studied the question of a close season upon commercial fish, were guided in their action largely by the advice of Mr. Whittaker, the oldest member upon the Commission, he thinking the restoring of the commercial fisheries could be accomplished by a close season during November and December. A. Booth & Company were interested, for the reason they were then endeavoring to form a fish trust, and expected the close season in this State would materially assist them in controlling the market upon fish.

The commercial fishermen and dealers in this State were bitterly opposed to the passage of the law in 1897.

II.

That Act No. 152 of the public acts of 1897, known as the close season law, has had the effect upon the sale of the fish in this State, that from the 1st of November until the 15th of December no fish, whether caught before the close season or not, can be sold in this State, and the people of this State are deprived of fish as food during that time.

III.

That with the exception of Mr. Whittaker, all members of the Michigan Fish Commission, as well as the employes, believe an open season is better for the fisheries of the State than a close season. None of the members of the Michigan Fish Commission are practical fish culturists, and prior to 1897, while they were advocating a close season, none of them consulted with fish culturists in their employment or other practical fish culturists upon the question.

That Mr. Bowers, Superintendent of Fisheries, a life-long fish culturist, and other experienced men in the employ of the Michigan Fish Commission have always favored an open season.

That after the close of the season of 1897, Mr. Davis and Mr. Dickerson commenced a personal investigation upon the wisdom of the close season. They corresponded with and interviewed many of the leading fish culturists, not only of this State, but of other States and of the United States Fish Commission and found that all of these men were agreed that a close season upon the commercial fisheries was a mistake.

Mr. Dickerson and Mr. Davis continuing their researches, came to the conclusion that the position taken by them during the session of 1897 was a mistake, and later in the year Mr. Dickerson so expressed himself before the meeting of the American Fisheries Society held in Detroit in 1897, and in 1898 submitted a paper upon this question favoring the open season; and for these reasons and reasons hereinafter stated they now favor the repeal of the close season law.

IV.

That Frank N. Clark, of the United States Commission, appeared before the committee and stated, among other things that he had always advocated an open season; that he had conversed with most of the leading fish culturists and persons who had made a life-long study of this question, and all were agreed that an open season, with the proper facilities for protecting and propagating fish would be more beneficial to the fisheries than a close season. That this is the opinion of the members of the United States Fish Commission.

V.

That C. E. Brewster, of the Game Warden's department, stated he and some other members of the Game Warden's department favored a close season.

That they deemed it necessary to employ all three methods in order to keep up the food supply of the great lakes, to-wit: artificial propagation, close season and protection to immature fish, if the three methods can be employed jointly.

That other members favored an open season.

That the greatest evil came from the taking and retaining of the immature fish.

That if the immature fish were protected and the size of the meshes used regulated, that with the artificial propagation of fish, the depletion of the fisheries would be stopped.

VI.

That Mr. Davis and Mr. Dickerson, of the Michigan Fish Commission, and the employes of the Michigan Fish Commission, the United States Fish Commission and other leading fish culturists who have given the question of the depletion of our fisheries consideration practically agree, as follows:

First, That, owing to the small percentage of fertilization of the ova of the fish in its natural state, being estimated from 1 to 5 per cent, and in addition the natural enemies of the spawn, such as lizards, suckers and other fish that follow the spawning fish and feed upon

the eggs, that the taking of the spawn from the mature fish during spawning season gives a far larger percentage of young fish than if no fish were taken during the spawning season and all fish were allowed to spawn naturally;

Second, That the enforcement of laws prohibiting the catching of immature fish, so that no fish could legally be taken until after it was old enough to reproduce its kind and proper regulation as to the size of the nets used, would do more to restore the fisheries than any other provision;

Third, That if all ova was taken from the spawning fish during the spawning season, was fertilized and returned to the water in the form of fish life, and the immature fish protected, the fisheries of the lakes would increase, and there would be no necessity for restricting the taking of mature fish.

VII.

That the A. Booth & Co., commonly known as the fish trust, is a corporation organized under the laws of Illinois, and has a capital stock of \$5,500,000. That this company was organized by consolidating into a syndicate many of the largest firms and corporations engaged in commercial fishing and handling fish at wholesale in the United States and Canada, among others the A. Booth Packing Company of Chicago, the Manitoba Fishing Company of Manitoba, the Selkirk Fish Company of Manitoba, the Georgian Bay Fish Company of Collingwood, the Ontario Fish Company of New York and Manitoba, the Buffalo Fish Company of Buffalo, N. Y., the Erie Fish Company, of Erie, Ohio, the Cincinnati Oyster & Fish Company, of Cincinnati, the Reed & Tate Fish Company of Manitoba, Ainsworth & Gansley; it having large branches in New York, Boston, San Francisco and other leading commercial centers. In Michigan, three branches engaged in commercial fishing, to-wit: A. Booth & Company, Petoskey, fishing in Lake Michigan; Ainsworth & Gansley of Sault Ste Marie; Endless & Sons, of White Fish Point, fishing in Lake Superior, and a wholesale branch in the Detroit Fish Association, of Detroit, formed by the consolidation of three of the largest wholesale fish dealers in Detroit.

The principal purpose of forming this syndicate was to control the fish markets of the United States, particularly upon fresh water fish, and to find a market for the fish taken by them in Canadian waters.

The members of this syndicate are practically the only persons who appear interested in maintaining the closed season during November and December upon our fisheries. One of the directors of that company, Mr. Ainsworth and Mr. Winegar of Escanaba, who is in the employ of the A. Booth Company, have spent considerable time in Lansing this winter for the purpose of preventing the repeal of the closed season law. They give as their principal reasons, that they have a large amount of money invested in the fisheries of Michigan, and wish to prevent their depletion so that their fisheries and property will be valuable for years to come, and as an illustration of the depletion submit figures of the statistician of the Michigan Fish Commission, showing a decrease in the number of pounds of whitefish and lake trout taken in Michigan between 1891 and 1895. They state that the depletion of the fisheries can only be prevented by a

closed season on fish and point as an illustration of the benefits of the closed season to Canada, where a closed season upon fish during the spawning season has been maintained for the past twenty-five years. The facts show that in spite of the closed season in Canada for the past twenty-five years, and the rigid enforcement of the laws pertaining to the taking of immature fish, and stringent regulations as to the size of the nets used, and limiting the number, that the fisheries of Canada have continually decreased.

In Lake Winnipeg, where the law requires the use of a five and a half-inch mesh for taking whitefish, and these nets limited in number, and a rigid enforcement of the closed season, that still there has been a gradual decrease of fish in that lake.

A comparison of the statistics for a number of years, of the amount of fish taken upon the north shore of Lake Superior, from Sault Ste Marie to Iriquois Light, including Cariboo and Michipicotten Island, a distance of two hundred miles, shows a gradual decrease from 1891, from 800,000 pounds to 297,000 pounds in 1897, with only practically two fishing concerns fishing in this territory.

These figures were furnished from year to year by Ainsworth & Gansley, of Sault Ste Marie. And a comparison of the fish taken in Michigan waters from 1891 to 1897 shows a decrease from the year 1891 to the year 1895; but during the years 1896 and 1897 whitefish increased from 3,353,000 pounds in 1895 to 3,783,000 pounds in 1896, and to 4,639,000 pounds in 1897, while the number of nets in use in the capture of fish in Michigan waters decreased from 40,452 in 1895 to 38,785 in 1896, and 38,164 in 1897.

That the testimony further shows that the A. Booth Packing Company were always in favor of an open season until the formation of the Fish Trust.

That the A. Booth Company are interested largely in the fisheries of Lake Winnipeg and Lake of the Woods, and other Canadian lakes where large quantities of whitefish are taken. The fish in those lakes are caught during the summer months, frozen and placed in large refrigerators until cold weather, then shipped by rail to the markets of the United States.

That these frozen fish come in direct competition with the fish taken from the great lakes. The competition is so sharp that during the years 1896 and 1897, these whitefish sold as low as two and three cents per pound, and even at that price considerable difficulty was found in finding a market for the frozen fish.

That since the closed season law has gone into effect, and the formation of the A. Booth Company, the price of whitefish has been from six to eight cents per pound.

That the testimony of Mr. A. G. McDonald, manager of A. Booth & Co., of Detroit, clearly states the interest of the A. Booth & Company upon the maintenance of the closed season.

Q. As a jobber, from the jobber's stand, is the closed season a benefit to the jobber?

A. Yes, sir. it is a benefit to both the jobber and the fisherman.

Q. How is it a benefit to the jobber?

A. It makes the price steadier all along the line. We won't have those annual gluts of fish where they are carried over; and with facilities to take care of those fish, now in the spring of the year, for instance where

there is a glut on, if we know it will be a closed season in the fall we can freeze the fish in the spring, and if we do not know there is to be a closed season; if we are to have an open season in the fall we will simply handle the catch on the market, taking what they will fetch in the spring of the year.

Q. The open season has a tendency to make a glut on the market?

A. Yes, sir, and always will.

That the A. Booth Packing Company today practically control and dictate the price upon all kinds of fish, and no whitefish can be purchased today unless directly or indirectly purchased through the A. Booth Packing Company.

That practically all whitefish used in Michigan today are frozen fish from Lake Winnipeg, and even at Alpena and other Michigan points which produce large quantities of whitefish, only frozen whitefish purchased through the A. Booth Company can be found upon the markets.

VIII.

That while the close season has had the effect of raising the price of fish, so that our commercial fishermen received more per pound for fish than before the close season, still as they are prevented from taking fish during their harvest time they have no fish to sell, whereby they can take advantage of the increased market price.

That the result is, that during the past two years hardly any of the commercial fishermen have prospered and some have been forced out of business, and hundreds of men who formerly sought fishing for their livelihood have been forced to seek other kinds of employment.

That the hardship comes particularly upon the small fishermen, who fish with small sail boats, and employ from one to four men.

That the fishermen, except those of A. Booth & Company, or those who contract and sell their fish to A. Booth & Company, are practically united in asking for the repeal of the law relative to the close season upon fish.

IX.

That the effect of the close season upon the price of fish to the consumer has been to materially advance the price.

That the retail dealers show where they were able to purchase whitefish and trout from two and one-half cents to five cents per pound in the spring of 1897, when there was a surplus of these kinds of fish upon the market, that now under a closed season, when there is no surplus, they are compelled to pay from seven cents to eight and one-half cents per pound.

That where herring, pickerel, pike, carp, perch, mullet, suckers and other cheap fish, the fish food of the common people, were worth at wholesale from one cent to two and one-half cents per pound before the close season, they are now compelled to pay A. Booth & Company from three cents to six cents per pound.

That where herring were worth before the close season one and one-half cents per pound, today they are worth four cents per pound.

That where before the close season mullet and suckers could be bought

in retail markets, three good size fish, weighing five or six pounds, for ten cents, today the same fish are worth five to six cents per pound.

That the effect of the close season has been to practically double the price of all cheap fish to the consumer, so that many fish, which were common food for the poor class of our people are today, on account of the increased price of fish, owing to the fishermen being prevented from taking large quantities of the cheap fish during the months of November and December, practically a luxury.

Your committee from its investigation is led to recommend as follows:

First, That so much of Act No. 152 of the Public Acts of 1897 be repealed as pertains to the close season upon fish during November and December;

Second, That a law be enacted whereby it shall be the duty of the fishermen to preserve all the spawn during the spawning season;

Third, That rigid laws be enacted and enforced for the protection of immature fish, which can be accomplished in the opinion of your committee, by regulating the size of the fish taken as well as the size of the nets to be used;

Fourth, That the fishermen pay a tonnage tax upon commercial fish taken from the waters of the Great Lakes, sufficient to pay the expense of propagating fish and enforcing the fish laws.

On motion of Mr. Gustin,

The foregoing report, together with the following supplemental report of the committee, and the views of the minority of the committee, were ordered spread on the Journal and all three documents laid on the table.

By the Special Committee to Investigate Fisheries:

Your special committee upon Fisheries appointed to investigate the same beg leave to submit the following supplementary report:

I.

When your committee was in session in the city of Detroit upon Saturday, February 18th, last, there appeared before your committee one E. A. Davis, formerly president of the Davis Fresh and Salt Fish Company, but then in the employ of A. Booth & Company, and testified principally as to the prices of fish during the years 1895, 1896, 1897, 1898 and 1899. He produced before your committee postal cards bearing various dates in 1895, 1896 and 1897, giving weekly quotations on various kinds of fish. These quotations showed that the average price of whitefish and trout was from seven to eight cents per pound during these years. Upon the tenth day of March said Davis again appeared before your committee, and testified that he had resigned his position with A. Booth & Company on account of some unfilled promises of A. Booth & Company, and then testified among other things, that upon the morning of February 18th, before he appeared before the committee, that Mr. Ainsworth, one of the directors of A. Booth & Company, and himself went over the postal cards that he submitted to your committee. The quotations were from the Davis Fish Company of Buffalo and the Davis Fish Company of Detroit, and selected only those giving the highest prices. He testified as follows:

Q. Now, in picking those postal cards you stated that you picked out certain ones to be submitted to the committee, you didn't select them all just as they came?

A. No, sir.

Q. And that was the arrangement between you and some one else at that time that you should select only certain ones?

A. I don't know just what Mr. Ainsworth wanted, but he said he wanted to show the prices averaging about the same.

Q. Did you intend by leaving out part of the cards to mislead the committee?

A. Well, I don't know that I told them, but I could if they had asked me. We took out postal cards favorable from Detroit and Buffalo quotations, and the low price cards were left out.

Q. For what?

A. MR. AINSWORTH SAID HE DIDN'T WANT TO SHOW THEM WHEN THE FISH WERE ANY CHEAPER.

Q. Did you suppress part of them and didn't state the whole thing?

A. Mr. Ainsworth went through a majority of them and TOOK OUT THE ONES HE WANTED. Of course, I could testify to the postal cards because they were Davis & Company's quotations from Detroit or Buffalo.

II.

He stated that he had been president of the Davis Fish Company and that this was consolidated with A. Booth & Company. He was one of the organizers of the combination. That the first move to organize with the fish trust was made in 1895, when Mr. Carter went abroad to solicit foreign capital. That in the spring of 1897, twenty-one of the largest producers and wholesalers met in Chicago and made the first preliminary move towards organizing. This was for the purpose of ascertaining how much each wanted for their plants, etc. That they met from time to time until August, 1898. In July, 1897, they made an agreement as to the prices that would hold good until the completion of the trust.

That in the fall of 1897 they met for the purpose of ascertaining the supply to go through the winter with. In making their calculations they took into consideration the effect of a closed season upon the supply.

That on August 10, 1898, the syndicate of A. Booth & Company was perfected. That they favored a closed season for the reason that it enabled them to get steadier prices and control the market on fish.

Q. Did the fact that there would be considerable less fish taken of all kinds, including trout, whitefish and other fish during the months of November and December in Michigan waters figure in your calculation as to the probable price of fish.

A. It certainly did. If we had the supply cut off for a certain amount, it would leave us a great deal safer for the fish we had on hand to sell. We didn't necessarily need to raise the price so much as we did to cut off the supply, so that we could maintain those prices right through until spring. You see, if a dealer is loaded when it comes

towards spring, there is always a break and cut in the prices, but if the stock is reduced, why he can hold stiff in his prices.

Q. Well, has the trust been able to maintain their prices?

A. They have very well, this winter, because the close season was observed. In fact, the prices for the last two weeks have, since I testified, advanced considerable. The price of trout from eight cents to nine cents, and herring to four cents a pound in the **EXTREME WHOLESALE TRADE**. The prices I gave before the committee two weeks ago were to the **PACKAGE TRADE**; **THE PACKAGE TRADE IS THE MEN IN THE COUNTRY WHO BUY FROM FIFTY TO ONE HUNDRED POUNDS AT RETAIL; WHOLESALE TRADE IS A MAN THAT TAKES A TON TO TEN TONS.**

Q. What can you say as to the effect of the close season as to the price of Canadian fish caught in Manitoba?

A. Well, if a close season is in force **IT INSURES THE TRUST A SURE MARKET FOR THEIR FISH FROM MANITOBA**, whereas, back in 1896, I believe, when there was **AN OPEN SEASON, THEY ACTUALLY GAVE THEIR FISH AWAY IN MANITOBA.**

Q. Do you know for what reason the fish trust are anxious to have the present close season remain a law upon our statute books?

A. Why, because it will give them, as a director told me, an unquestionable profit; insure them a larger profit on the fish they freeze in the summer months, while if there is a production of fish in the month of November down here and there should be a large production, then their summer frozen fish would not be in demand.

"It has kept out of the market a great many hundred tons of fish that would have otherwise come in during the months of November and December. They could not have controlled it if this first came into the market.

"They are able to figure just how many pounds of each kind of fish there are in the United States and they know just how many are consumed and how many days they have got before they get fresh fish. Consequently they put their price accordingly.

"It would be possible for the trust today to set any price upon any kind of fish that swims they want to and get it, or the consumer could not get the fish."

Q. Now, when you appeared before the committee you stated that a close season would be better for the fisherman and the jobber?

A. Yes, sir; I said I believed it would be. I believe so now.

Q. Why?

A. Well, I think the trust would be willing to pay the fishermen a cent a pound more for their fish so the trust would be able to control the fish and not have an overproduction.

Q. Do you know whether the trust are contracting with any of the fishermen for their fish?

A. **THE TRUST IS PRETTY WELL SATISFIED THAT WE WILL HAVE A CLOSE SEASON** and they have already closed several contracts, **PAYING A CENT A POUND MORE FOR FISH THAN WAS PAID TO FISHERMEN LAST YEAR.**

III.

That the total profit per year of the twenty-one concerns that entered into the trust was \$320,000 per year, for the three years preceding the organization, and the profit of the trust for the first six months was over \$500,000.

Your committee deem this testimony important, as it shows why the trust is interested in maintaining a closed season.

IV.

Your committee would further particularly call your attention to the testimony given by Mr. Frank N. Clark, of the United States Fish Commission.

Q. In your opinion is the enactment of the closed season law necessary to replenish the stock of whitefish and lake trout in our great lakes?

A. A closed season law in the month of December, in my judgment, is not necessary to replenish the stock of any kind of lake fish. They can be hatched by artificial and protective methods.

Q. What, in your opinion, is the percentage of fry that is raised from the spawn naturally?

A. I believe it to be one per cent. In my opinion it is much better to have an open season through the spawning season and hatch the fry and place them back in the water, because they place back a very much larger quantity than could be obtained in the natural way.

Q. Do you know what the opinion of fish culturists is upon the subject?

A. The fish culturists that I come in contact with seem to have the same opinion. In fact, I would say to you that a fish culturist, after he has been engaged in the work for a time, after he is thoroughly acquainted and knows and understands the work, I don't know how he could think otherwise.

Q. What fish culturists have you discussed this question with?

A. With a great many. I have talked with Mr. Tulian, of Leadville station of the United States Fish Commission, and Mr. Wire, of Northville, and Mr. Nevins, of the Wisconsin Fish Commission; Mr. Stanahan, of Put-in-Bay Fish Commission, and Mr. Dean of the Nossas Station in Missouri. Then I have talked with fish culturists throughout the country, with our Washington men, Mr. Ravanal, the chief of my division, is the most prominent one.

Q. Do you know of any fish culturist that favors a closed season?

A. No, I do not know any.

Q. If we have stringent laws to protect immature fish and that together with the artificial propagation of fish, do you think we will keep our waters replenished?

A. You will keep them stocked up by artificial or protective methods provided you hatch all the ripe eggs that can be got from fish that are caught. You will keep up the stock provided you could arrange laws enough to keep from allowing the immature fish to be caught. In other words, if all the fish that are caught are matured fish and hundreds of millions planted that may be hatched are planted in the waters, you cer-

tainly could keep up your fish because when the spawn matures it is better caught and out of the way than it is to be in the water.

Mr. Bower, superintendent of the Michigan Hatchery, testified practically the same.

V.

To the testimony of Mr. Moore, statistician of the Michigan Fish Committee, in reference to the amount of whitefish and lake trout caught and the number of nets used in the years 1896 and 1897, your committee wish particularly to call attention.

	1895.	1896.	1897.
	Pounds.	Pounds.	Pounds.
Whitefish.....	3,353,187	3,783,634	4,639,514
Trout.....	6,293,545	6,899,877	6,580,454
Number of nets used.....	42,331	38,785	38,164

Showing an increase of whitefish in 1896 over 1895 of 430,547 pounds; and in 1897 over 1895, 1,286,227 pounds.

Of trout an increase in 1896 over 1895, 606,322 pounds, and in 1897 over 1895, 292,909.

While the NUMBER OF NETS USED IN 1896 were 3,446 less than in 1895, AND IN 1897, 4,027 LESS THAN 1895.

An increase of 1,286,227 pounds of whitefish, in spite of the close season during the best fishing months and the restriction by the law of 1897 prohibiting the taking of any whitefish less than a 2 pound weight. These figures show that our fisheries are increasing since 1895 instead of decreasing.

These figures are part of the report of the Michigan Fish Commission for the years 1897 and 1898, which is now in press.

H. K. GUSTIN,
Chairman.

By the Special Committee to Investigate Fisheries; views of the minority:

The undersigned minority of the Special Committee appointed by you in conformity with the resolution of the House to investigate certain matters mentioned in such resolution, beg leave to herewith present some facts and circumstances which it is believed are pertinent to the issue, and to furnish to the House such information as has been gathered, and what are believed to be fair and honest conclusions deduced from the testimony which has been taken by this Special Committee, and from reports and other matters available, bearing upon the question of the fishing industry of this State.

The views of the minority would have been presented in connection with the majority report but for the fact that the undersigned were ignorant of the nature of the report which would be presented by Mr. Gustin, chairman of the Special Committee, until noon of the day when such report was submitted, except that such report would advocate an open season.

It may be stated at this juncture that the propositions submitted in the resolution providing for the appointment of this Special Committee were not entirely in accordance with the facts, as will be herein disclosed.

Much has been said, both in the report submitted by the committee and by its chairman upon the floor, concerning an alleged "bugaboo" designated as the "Chicago-Michigan Fish Trust," and it is charged that this "trust" was responsible for the passage of act number 152 of the public acts of 1897, known as the close season fish law; and it is insisted that this so called trust is at this time endeavoring to prevent the repeal of that law. It may be interesting herewith to note the fact that this so called "fish trust" was not organized until sometime in the month of August, 1898; and also that the open season would, if as alleged, this trust could secure a monopoly of the Michigan fish supply, result in greater benefit to the so called "trust" than to any other interest within or without this State. As a matter of fact, it is disclosed by the evidence taken before your Special Committee that Mr. A. Booth, the head of the Booth Packing Company, was in favor of a close season long before the enactment of the law mentioned by the last Legislature.

In relation to the passage of the act mentioned, if we may believe the testimony of Mr. F. B. Dickerson, who has been a member of the Michigan Fish Commission for four years, that gentleman was responsible for the passage of the act. Bearing upon the subject is the following testimony of the gentleman mentioned:

Q. During the session of 1897 of the Legislature a law was enacted making a close season upon whitefish and lake trout during that session. I believe the Michigan Fish Commissioners were in favor of that law?

A. They were.

Q. And that you personally advocated the passage of that law?

A. I think I am responsible for the passage of that bill.

And further testifying, the gentleman adds:

I went to Lansing and fought earnestly and zealously for what I at that time believed was right; and while there there were a good many arguments brought up in favor of an open season and I was not so certain that the close season was the proper thing at the close of the Legislature as I was at the beginning of it.

(Pages 33-34 of the record.)

He also testified:

One question that has been asked out here, I understand I have been criticised on is, that I should have fought so strongly—I rather guess at least they gave me the responsibility of passing that bill two years ago. I presume probably I was responsible for the passage of that bill.

Also:

Q. Up to the close of the session of 1897 you were a strong advocate of the close season?

A. Yes, sir.

The undersigned believe that it is fair to infer from the evidence taken, and from other facts within their possession, that no suspicion need be cast against the members of the Legislature of 1897 which passed the close season act by insisting that the act was passed through the influence of a "lobby" connected with any trust or otherwise, but that that Legislature, realizing that the fish were the property of the State, and listening to the recommendations made by many whose testimony has not been taken before your committee to the effect that the close season was necessary during the spawning period to prevent the extermination

of whitefish and trout from Michigan waters, wisely enacted into law the act in question.

In this connection is mentioned the testimony of Hon. Herschel Whittaker, who has been connected with the fish hatcheries of this State for the period of eighteen years:

Now, the question is whether the fisheries that belong to the people shall be preserved by such reasonable regulations as will permit the capture of marketable fish and preserve the small ones taken, and upon that question hinges the whole thing. With the enormous number of contrivances for capturing it makes no difference about the size of our lakes. They are at best confined bodies in any sense that you may speak. because they are confined within certain limits and they can be fished at all seasons of the year, whereby fish that are gravid and ready to spawn and to reproduce their own kind can be preserved until this act was passed.

And also:

Now, it is a small thing that the State of Michigan has got to protect itself. The question rises far above the idea of the right of a man to fish, alone. The great question is whether the State of Michigan, or the people of the State of Michigan, are to have a source of food supply that shall be cut off fully for this generation and for others.

Also:

Now, you have got to take up this matter. It comes before you. You have got to take up this matter of the close season. There is no earthly reason that ever existed that does not exist to day with double force why this season should not be sustained. It is the only thing we have. You gentlemen of the Legislature should supplement it with more forcible regulations to prevent the destruction of the fish interest. It will not destroy the fish interests, but will preserve them for years to come, something that will be of value to the coming generations. If something is not done it is a natural and reasonable estimate that in a few years the lakes will be a channel for navigation and the nets will be right (rotting) on the shores, and the fishermen will have to find some other occupation. Now this is not pessimistic. These are facts. They are borne out by everybody who has ever been connected with the fisheries. It is not unreasonable that the State should allow a certain body of men to enjoy the privilege, not a right, but a privilege, and should lay upon those men reasonable regulations that shall preserve the public's rights in the fisheries.

Later in his testimony Mr. Whittaker testified as follows:

Q. As I stated before, if we had a regulation for taking fish so they took nothing but mature fish, and then allowed the Fish Commission to hatch them, do you still believe we should have a close season?

A. Yes, sir; I do not think we could keep up those regulations without the aid of the close season. This depletion has been going on for a long time and you cannot cure it without some stringent regulation any more than you can cure a disease that has been running half a man's life time in a week. I am interested in these things. I have been interested all my life; and I have been studying it and observing it and it is my desire to see some regulation permanently enforced for the preservation of the fish.

Q. Then it is your opinion that even with these regulations and the taking of no fish during the close season, why should the people of the State of Michigan make any appropriation for the propagation of whitefish and trout?

A. Now, you are coming right to the point. I say this: If the Legislature of this State revokes the close season law that there is no reason why the State should appropriate one single cent for the propagation of commercial fish, in this State. I am interested in this as a citizen of the State, and I have given up a great deal of time and money to it, and I have observed its operation for a great many years and have been connected with this Fish Commission for eighteen years, and I say to you that if the Legislature will repeal this law there is no escape for the ruin of the commercial fish in this State. There is no possibility of an escape. I think the time will come when we will have to go elsewhere, as they have in New York, to supply the hatcheries. There is not an egg that comes from a fish caught here that should not be put back into our waters for the benefit of our own citizens.

The undersigned desire to add in this connection that a large number of the witnesses sworn before the Special Committee were dealers in whitefish and trout, some wholesale and some retail, and but very few actual fishermen; and every one who was questioned upon the point, who favored an open season, admitted that his preference was due simply and only because of the fact that under the open season he would be able to place more money in his own pockets.

It is the opinion of the undersigned, after such careful investigation as time has permitted making, that instead of the issue being between the so called "trust" and the people of this State, the question is whether or not the people's property, the people's rights and the people's interests shall be protected by the laws of this State as against the personal interests of something like four thousand five hundred fishermen, who, to gain a temporary benefit and temporarily increase their earnings would deplete the Michigan waters of whitefish and trout during that portion of the year when they should receive the protection of the State.

The undersigned believe a fair deduction to be drawn from the testimony taken by your committee is to the effect that the close season has in no manner raised the prices to the consumer.

Below are extracts from the testimony of Mr. Angus G. McDonald, who has been connected with the fishing business for twenty years:

Q. How are the prices of fish this winter?

A. This winter?

Q. Yes, sir.

A. Why, they are about at the normal price.

Q. A good, fair living profit this winter?

A. A fair living profit; yes, sir.

Q. The prices are entirely satisfactory, as to living profits this winter?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. So, there is no loss in the sale of fish or anything of that kind?

A. No, sir.

Q. You are able this winter to control then, practically control, the price of fish?

A. No, not that I know of.

Q. What I mean to say is, you are not forced to sell your fish on account of the at a less price than in former years, at a less price than it costs to produce them?

A. Well, we are getting fairly steady prices now, more than there was. I think they are a shade lower at this time than they were last year. Some grades may be higher, but other grades would be lower than to more than off set it.

Q. What price are you receiving now for whitefish?

A. In what way? In the wholesale trade or what we call the retail way to the common trade?

Q. No, to the wholesale?

A. Well, what I mean to say is, we make a distinction between a man where he buys a box or a car load.

Q. Well, in the ordinary retail way?

A. For Michigan trade, for instance?

Q. Yes.

A. Whitefish are worth seven and a half cents.

Q. What are trout worth?

A. Trout eight cents.

On the same day the witness testified as follows:

Q. Your judgment is that the price of fish to the consumer is lower than it was a year ago?

A. Yes, sir; take it as a whole.

Q. Take it as a whole on the average?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. The general average?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. If there is a scarcity, I think you say that you would attribute it to bad weather, too?

A. Yes, sir; more than anything else.

And also:

Q. Do you mean to say—do I understand you to say—when you were selling fish a few years ago at two or three cents a pound that the consumer would not get the benefit of it?

A. No, sir.

Q. They receive no benefit of it?

A. No benefit at all; when the trust price to the retail trade of Michigan was seven cents a pound and whitefish three and a half cents, our sales did not increase two and a half per cent.

Q. Didn't the consumer buy it for less money?

A. No, sir.

Q. Whether the fish were selling for two and a half or eight cents, would it not be bought for less money?

A. The consumer never got the benefit of it, because the retailer would not drop his price. It was the retailer who made the money. He would not boom fish like any other line, it simply gave the retailer a little more profit.

Below is a table of prices submitted to your committee by one Edgar A. Davis:

Price of whitefish and trout November, 1896, on the 15th of November:

Whitefish.. .. .	7 cents
Trout... .. .	6½ cents

October 9, 1897, twenty-one days before the close season went into effect, whitefish were eight cents and trout eight cents.

November 22, 1897, the middle of the close season of 1897, whitefish were eight cents and trout eight cents.

January 22, 1898, whitefish were eight cents and trout eight cents.

January 9, 1899, whitefish were seven and trout eight cents.

October, 1895, trout were eight and whitefish were eight.

From this and other testimony taken before your committee the undersigned believe that the close season has not raised the price of fish to the consumer.

At this point the undersigned desire to answer the propositions contained in the House resolution, which created this committee, and base the same upon the facts brought out in the testimony.

First, What effect the close season law has had upon the selling price of fish to the consumer?

Answer, The prices appear to have remained about the same as during the same months of preceding years.

Second, What reasons prompted the enactment of the law for the close season upon fish?

Answer, It seems to have been the desire of the Legislature to enact a law for the benefit of over two millions of the people of Michigan rather than for the fishermen's trust of four and a half thousand men.

Third, Why the syndicate commonly known as the fish trust were interested in the passage of the law for the close season, and are interested in the maintenance of the close season?

Answer, The agents of the so called syndicate live in Michigan and are interested, with other reputable citizens of the State, in protecting the best interests of the people and preserving the fisheries through a long series of years instead of allowing a hasty depletion of Michigan waters of their most valued commercial fish and thus end and ruin the fish industry in Michigan forever.

Fourth, Why the members of the Game Warden's department are interested in maintaining the close season law?

Answer, Confessedly in the interest of a very large majority of the people of the State in the very laudable effort of continuing the Michigan fish industry.

Fifth, Why the Michigan Fish Commission were in favor in 1897 of the enactment of a law for the close season and are now in favor of its repeal?

Answer, Mr. Whittaker, of the Michigan Fish Commission, is now and always has been in favor of a close season. Mr. Dickerson, as already stated, was in favor of a close season in 1897. He testified in Detroit that he had received from Mr. Gustin a copy of the resolution creating the committee, with a request for his attendance, when he was ill in the State of Indiana, and he testified to a change of heart in regard to a close season.

Sixth, Why the United States Fish Commission are not in favor of a close season upon whitefish and trout?

Answer, The inference to be drawn from this proposition is not correct. Mr. Frank N. Clark, one of the commission, gave his personal opinion upon the question of an open and close season, and added: "Mr. Chair-

man, I would like to state here, if you will allow me, that I am not here representing the United States Fish Commission. I wish to be understood that I am here representing myself and no one else." No other member of the United States Fish Commission was sworn by your committee.

Seventh, How the close season has affected the commercial fishermen in this State.

Answer, Under the close season act these men were not permitted to plunder the State of its property by despoiling the waters of the State of their whitefish and trout at the season mentioned, and presumably did not make as large profits as in former years at that period, but were compelled to desist during the spawning season and thereby permit the whitefish and trout to spawn in their natural manner and thus preserve an industry to the State which, should the close season law be continued, will permanently benefit the commercial fishermen. It seems proper to present herewith recommendations with reference to a close season that have been made from time to time by different authorities.

In the report of the State Game and Fish Warden of Michigan for 1897, page 19, is the following:

"The most necessary requirement seems to be the enactment of a law similar to the Canadian law closing the season during the spawning period and in regulating the size of whitefish which may be taken in nets and marketed. With these enactments in addition to the mesh law and a reasonable sum for enforcement, it seems to me the food fish problem would be solved. As it is, with practically no means provided for protection and insufficient legislation, the work of the Michigan Fish Commission is greatly hampered, and the good results it has accomplished in spite of the adverse conditions are not as apparent as they might be."

In the report of the Michigan State Game and Fish Warden for 1899, just issued from the press, is the following:

"The last session of the Legislature very wisely, in my opinion, at the request and solicitation of the Michigan Fish Commission, and, finally, with the consent of the commercial fishermen, enacted a law for the purpose of protecting the food fish of the great lakes by prohibiting their capture during the nesting or spawning season." And then Game Warden Osborn proceeds to show in what manner the law was enforced, and concludes with the statement upon this subject:

"Although the close season law has been tested but two years, and although it was earnestly desired by the Michigan Fish Commission, it is now proposed on nearly all sides to do away with it, for what reason is not at this moment plainly apparent to me."

In a bulletin of the United State Fish Commission, volume XIII for 1893, appears the following:

"In Canada students and observers of these fisheries have not been slow in attributing the rapid decline to the fact that few, if any, of the American States bordering on the Great Lakes, and under whose control the laws regulating the fisheries exist, have enacted a close season during which time the fish may be allowed to reach their natural spawning beds to deposit their spawn as nature intended they should, this

mode in former years having been found amply sufficient to keep those great bodies of water teeming with magnificent fish."

At the international meeting held at Hamilton, Ontario, December 9, 1891, the following recommendation was made by the Dominion Commissioners:

"That the month of November in each year be made a close season for whitefish, herring and salmon or lake trout."

During the month of January last there met in the city of Chicago commissioners representing the States of Michigan, Wisconsin, Indiana, Illinois, Minnesota and North Dakota, elected by the respective legislatures of those States, for the purpose of drafting a bill for presentation in the legislatures of the States named respecting fish and game, and the result was that a bill was mutually agreed upon, a copy of which is Michigan House bill 39, file No. 4, entitled "A bill for the protection of fish and game and to provide a license for hunting." It is found among the files of the members of the House, and the first clause in it provides a close season upon whitefish and trout from October 14 to November 30. Copies of this bill have been introduced in the legislatures of the States named and are warmly endorsed by the State Game Wardens and Fish Commissions of those States, and very many others.

In the twenty-sixth annual report of the Department of Marine and Fisheries for 1893 for the Canadian government appears the following:

"With the enforcement of the close season and other protective regulations for whitefish on the Canadian side of the great lakes and bordering water should have caused some discontent among Canadian fishermen is not surprising. When the dividing waters are narrow as in the Detroit river, St. Clair lake and river, such dissatisfaction is accentuated. The United States fishermen carry on their operations under no restrictions and at all available seasons. To our own fishermen, under whose eyes the American fishermen pursue the industry, a rigid enforcement of the close season and other regulations is peculiarly irritating. But any supposed advantages enjoyed by the United States fishermen are found on strict inquiry to be baseless; and on the other hand the alleged grievances on the Canadian side of those waters have no better ground. As a matter of fact the United States policy has proved most injurious to their own fishery interests and is wholly and emphatically disapproved by the leading men engaged in the fish industry in Detroit and other important centres." "Any alteration in the existing close season would indeed be an injury to the Canadian fishermen and would bring serious results, leading rapidly to the total destruction of the whitefish fishery."

There appeared before your committee and testified during its late investigation one C. H. Moore, statistical agent for the State Board of Fish Commissioners of Michigan, who, for some reason, now favors an open season.

On page 55 of the report of the Board of Fish Commissioners for 1895-6, is the following:

"The commercial fisheries of the State extending over a lake coast of two thousand miles and employing about five thousand men with an annual production of 37,000,000 pounds of fish food that brings to the fishermen each year over a million dollars, makes it a most valuable industry; an industry that should be fostered by the State, both by a liberal appropriation of funds for the artificial propagation of fish with which

to stock the water of the great lakes, and for the passage of good, wholesome laws with a thorough and efficient enforcement of the same for the protection of the young whitefish and also the adult fish during their spawning season.

Respectfully,
C. H. MOORE,
Statistical Agent."

The gentleman testified that he had advocated a close season, but now says that he did not believe in it himself at the time he so advocated it, and that his act in so doing was cowardly. Comment is unnecessary.

As showing the continued decrease of whitefish and trout in Michigan waters, notwithstanding the increase in the number of nets used, the following table is submitted:

Table of catch of Whitefish in Michigan waters, showing devastating decrease.

Whitefish.

Year.	Pounds.
1891.....	9,110,387
1892.....	6,347,535
1893.....	5,345,800
1894.....	4,469,755
1895.....	3,353,187

Table of catch of Lake Trout in Michigan waters, showing great decrease.

Lake Trout.

Year.	Pounds.
1891.....	9,132,770
1894.....	7,297,295
1895.....	6,293,545

Table showing increase of number of nets used in Michigan waters.

Year.	Nets.
1885.....	25,839
1891.....	36,514
1892.....	38,283
1893.....	42,073
1894.....	42,231

In the conclusions reached by the majority of this Special committee the undersigned do not agree.

First, To repeal act number 152 of the public acts of 1897, believing that such repeal is simply urged in the interests of the commercial fishermen's trust and is adverse to the rights and interests of the people of the State;

Second, That a law be enacted whereby it shall be the duty of the fishermen to preserve all the spawn during the spawning season.

The undersigned do not believe that such a method would result in preserving the fisheries, and quote in connection therewith the testimony of Mr. Whittaker bearing upon this subject:

Q. Now if we should have an open season in this State and there was a regulation of law which required all the spawn and ova taken by the fishermen to be returned to the Fish Commissioners and hatched by them, what would your opinion be as to whether the amount of fish that would

be raised by the hatcheries and returned to the water and become fish and live, what would it be in comparison as if they were allowed to spawn naturally?

A. I don't think that you would get very great results for this reason:

The men to catch fish and gather spawn would have to be competent to do that. He would have to be educated to spawn fish properly. Our own experience on the river here shows it is not probably more than half the time when the fish are just exactly right. Now, you can't take these fish in any part of the season and strip them. You have to have experienced men who are acquainted with that subject, men who are experienced and men who will know just as soon as they see a fish whether it is in a condition to be stripped. So you cannot get a great deal from those fish unless it is done under favorable circumstances and by those who are thoroughly familiar with how to do it.

And should a law be passed compelling fishermen to impregnate the spawn caught by them during the spawning season it is questionable whether the majority of them would obey the law. The attitude of the fishermen themselves seems to have been one of continual opposition to any attempt to prevent the waste and destruction of the fisheries. Fifteen years ago the centre of the whitefish fisheries of all the lakes was off Grand Haven. The fishermen there fished upon the theory that the supply was inexhaustible and ignored every statute made looking towards the protection and perpetuation of this great industry. Their nets were illegally sized meshes, their ova was dumped into the water from which the fish were taken and the small fish were retained wherever found in the nets. As fast as the fish decreased in size and numbers the fishermen used smaller meshed nets, and more of them, until three years ago the State Game Warden's Department found in use and seized more than fifty miles of nets used to catch whitefish, trout and herring, or any other thing which might be fastened in them, not one net of which was within a quarter of an inch of being as large as the smallest mesh allowed by law for any purpose. The result is that the fisheries of Grand Haven are practically exhausted, the whitefish are entirely gone and the trout nearly so. And that is equally true of the fisheries of St. Joseph, Holland, Muskegon, Manistee, Frankfort and many other points.

A late examination by the State Game Warden's department of the manner of conducting the fisheries on Beaver Island disclosed the fact that most of the parties operating upon those fishing grounds were using illegally sized nets, and knew nothing about the impregnation of spawn, to which they paid no attention at all. That they had dumped the ova into the harbor, contrary to law, until they had driven the whitefish entirely out of that natural feeding ground. Today at Charlevoix there are in the hands of an officer one hundred and eighty nets bought by Neil Gallagher, the leader of the fisherman there, purchased by him last spring, the invoices showing they were three-eighths of an inch less, as manufactured, than the law allows to be used. It seems likely, therefore, that should a law be passed providing for local fishermen impregnating the spawn of fish caught during the spawning season little attention would be paid to such an act by the fishermen themselves, and, further, as is shown by testimony quoted elsewhere, they would not be

able to accomplish much should they make the effort. With reference to the third finding contained in the majority report, the undersigned believes that the protection of the immature fish can be best accomplished by regulating the size of the mesh and not the size of the fish. There is testimony before this committee showing that the catching of fish too small for market, even though they be immediately replaced in the water, is usually injurious and results in the death of the fish.

Upon this subject Mr. Whittaker in his testimony stated as follows:

Q. Now, you speak about regulating the size of the mesh, which do you think to be the better plan, to control that by the size of the mesh or simply providing for the size of the fish?

A. Make it effectual by regulating the contrivance itself; that can be watched. It is within a month that I met at lunch a game warden, and in a general way we talked about things, and I asked him what they had done with reference to certain fish of a certain size that had been taken there. "Why," he says, "we have got that all right." I says "What did you do with the fellows that took them?" He says "We didn't do anything," he says "we took them before a justice of the peace," and he says, "the justice was unfavorable to our view of the case, and he let them go, although the facts were clear. So you see there is a significance to the whole thing. There is another thing I want to mention, and do not allow that to escape you. I can see no reason on earth why a man should seek to take a thing that is smaller than he should take. Why should he handle it at all? Why not permit the fish to come to an age where

Q. The argument used by Mr. Dickerson in that regard was to the effect that it would not injure the fish so much. He said they were so they have some value, especially with whitefish, that is delicate and easily injured?"

by the the meshes, there would be no injury practically to the fish?

A. What is the object of taking a fish at all? That is the question.

Q. I don't know as that has been made clear.

A. If you don't want a thing what is the use of trifling with it? What is the point for?

The undersigned minority of your committee believe that the interests of the people of this State demand the continuation of the present close season law at least for another two years until the same shall have had a fair and complete test. And also, that if an experiment is to be made of having the fishermen preserve or impregnate the spawn, a provision should be made in connection therewith which would place them under the supervision of the State Game and Fish Warden's department.

The question seems to be, to the undersigned, as already intimated, shall this Legislature pass a bill to temporarily enrich four thousand five hundred Michigan fishermen as against the interest of all the consumers of the State, and deplete our waters of commercial fish, as has the State of New York and others under continued open seasons? Or shall we legislate in the interests of the whole people of the State, and preserve, through the aid of a close season, one of the greatest industries of our peninsular State?

The undersigned recommend that the close season upon whitefish and

trout be continued, but that the law be so amended as to permit of the sale, during the close season, of fish lawfully caught.

Respectfully submitted,
F. C. CHAMBERLAIN.
JOHN CALDWELL.

Mr. Hart moved that the House adjourn.

Which motion prevailed, and

The Speaker declared the House adjourned until 10 o'clock a. m., to-morrow.

} REPRESENTATIVE HALL, LANSING,

} Friday, March 17, 1899.

The House met pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Bard.

Roll called: quorum present.

Absent without leave: Messrs. Bryan, Burch, Colby, Dickinson, Goodell, Gustin, Stewart and Sutherland.

On motion of Mr. Carton,

Leave of absence was granted to Mr. Gustin for the day.

On motion of Mr. Herrig,

Leave of absence was granted to all absentees for the day.

By unanimous consent:

Mr. Hart offered the following:

Resolved, That when the House adjourns today, it shall stand adjourned until Monday next at 9 o'clock p. m.

Mr. Herrig moved to amend the motion by making the hour 4 o'clock p. m.

Which motion prevailed.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution as amended,
The resolution was adopted.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS.

No. 249. By Mr. Burdick: Petition of L. L. Taylor and 24 others, asking for an appropriation for the Agricultural College.

Referred to the committee on Agricultural College.

No. 250. By Mr. Nevins: Petition of John Whitbeck and 85 others, citizens of Allegan county, against any change in the laws relative to killing deer.

Referred to the committee on Fisheries and Game.

No. 251. By Mr. Nevins: Petition of F. E. Woolsey and 75 others, of Plainwell, Mich., for the passage of the bill prohibiting saloons within three miles of certain State educational institutions.

Referred to the committee on Liquor Traffic.

No. 252. By Mr. J. H. Read: Petition of B. Deen and others, of Manistee county, for legislation in behalf of the Agricultural College.

Referred to the committee on Agricultural College.

No. 253. By Mr. Kelly: Petition of R. Andrew Fleming and others of Muskegon, Mich., for the passage of the Muskegon city justice bill.

Referred to the committee on City Corporations.

No. 254. By Mr. Buskirk: Petition of citizens of Casco, for the passage of the Humphrey Local Option bill.

Referred to the committee on Liquor Traffic.

No. 255. By Mr. Buskirk: Petition of citizens of Geneva and Casco, in favor of the passage of the Humphrey Local Option bill.

Referred to the committee on Liquor Traffic.

No. 256. By Mr. Buskirk: Petition of citizens of Ganges and Casco, asking for the passage of the Humphrey Local Option bill.

Referred to the committee on Liquor Traffic.

No. 257. By Mr. Buskirk: Petition of citizens of Fennville, asking for the passage of the Humphrey Local Option bill.

Referred to the committee on Liquor Traffic.

No. 258. By Mr. Buskirk: Petition of citizens of Douglas, asking for the passage of the Humphrey Local Option bill.

Referred to the committee on Liquor Traffic.

No. 259. By Mr. Buskirk: Petition of citizens of West Casco, asking for the passage of the Humphrey Local Option bill.

Referred to the committee on Liquor Traffic.

No. 260. By Mr. Buskirk: Petition of citizens of the township of Cheshire, asking for the passage of the Humphrey Local Option bill.

Referred to the committee on Liquor Traffic.

Mr. Chamberlain presented the following:

Which,

On demand of Mr. Chamberlain,

Was read at length and spread at large on the Journal, as follows:

Dedicated to the memory of the late Chauncey Wisner, who served many terms in both the Senate and House, from the Saginaw district, and who presented the following to the Senate upon St. Patrick's day, 1891:

Once on a time, 'twas long ago,
When earth was filled with strife and woe,
When superstition covered all
That sea girt island like a pall,
An angel blest, in human form,
Through forest drear and ocean's storm
Saw an emerald island lying there
Of all old ocean's gems most rare,
And peopled with a noble race
Who knew naught of the Prince of Peace.

His heart was filled with holy zeal,
That he might all their sorrows heal;
His soul was filled with heavenly fire
To lift them from the bogs and mire
Of pagan rites and altars red
With human blood. To them he sped.

He left his pleasant, cloistered cell;
He left the friends he loved so well;

He traversed land, he sailed the sea,
This island's people to make free.
These noble folk the debt to pay
Each year keep green St. Patrick's day.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

By the committee on Agriculture:

The committee on Agriculture, to whom was referred

House bill No. 259, entitled

A bill to prohibit the hunting or killing of rabbits or hares by the use of a ferret or rat.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

C. A. MILLER,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on Towns and Counties:

The committee on Towns and Counties, to whom was referred

House bill No. 758, entitled

A bill to vacate the township of Rock River, in the county of Alger, and to incorporate its territory within the township of Onota, in said county.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

C. A. HOFMEISTER,
Acting Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. McCallum,

The bill was laid on the table.

By the committee on Towns and Counties:

The committee on Towns and Counties, to whom was referred

House bill No. 759, entitled

A bill to detach certain territory from the township of Munising, in the county of Alger, and to attach the same to the township of Burt, in the county of Alger.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

C. A. HOFMEISTER,
Acting Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. McCallum,

The bill was laid on the table.

By the committee on Towns and Counties:

The committee on Towns and Counties, to whom was referred

House bill No. 757, entitled

A bill to vacate the township of Au Train, in the county of Alger, and to incorporate its territory within the township of Munising, in said county.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

C. A. HOFMEISTER,
Acting Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Mr. McCallum,

The bill was laid on the table.

By the committee on City Corporations:

The committee on City Corporations, to whom was referred

House bill No. 624, entitled

A bill to amend sections 2, 3 and 8 of title 6 of act No. 374 of the local acts of the State of Michigan, for the year 1897, entitled "An act to revise the charter of the city of Grand Rapids," approved March 25, 1897.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to request of the House that the bill be printed for the use of the committee.

P. HERRIG,
Chairman.

Report accepted.

The question being on ordering the bill printed for the use of the committee,

The House so ordered.

By the committee on City Corporations:

The committee on City Corporations, to whom was referred

House bill No. 627, entitled

A bill to amend sections 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 13 of title 9 of act No. 374 of the local acts of the State of Michigan for the year 1897, entitled "An act to revise the charter of the city of Grand Rapids," approved March 25, 1897, and to add nine new sections to said title—from 46 to 54, inclusive.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to request of the House that the bill be printed for the use of the committee.

P. HERRIG,
Chairman.

Report accepted.

The question being on ordering the bill printed for the use of the committee,

The House so ordered.

By the committee on City Corporations:

The committee on City Corporations, to whom was referred

House bill No. 628, entitled

A bill to amend sections 1, 5, 6 and 9 of title 7 of act No. 374 of the local acts of the State of Michigan for the year 1897, entitled "An act to revise the charter of the city of Grand Rapids," approved March 25, 1897, and

to add four new sections to said title to stand as sections 16, 17, 18 and 19.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to request of the House that the bill be printed for the use of the committee.

P. HERRIG,
Chairman.

Report accepted.

The question being on ordering the bill printed for the use of the committee,

The House so ordered.

By the committee on City Corporations:

The committee on City Corporations, to whom was referred

House bill No. 629, entitled

A bill in relation to the cemeteries and parks in the city of Grand Rapids, to create a Board of Cemetery and Park Commissioners in said city, to define their duties and fix their compensation, and to repeal title 11 of act 374 of the local acts of the State of Michigan for the year 1897, entitled "An act to revise the charter of the city of Grand Rapids," approved March 25, 1897.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to request of the House that the bill be printed for the use of the committee.

P. HERRIG,
Chairman.

Report accepted.

The question being on ordering the bill printed for the use of the committee,

The House so ordered.

By the committee on City Corporations:

The committee on City Corporations, to whom was referred

House bill No. 1067, entitled

A bill to amend and revise the charter of the city of Grand Rapids, being act No. 374 of the local acts of the State of Michigan, for the year 1897, approved March 25, 1897.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, with the accompanying substitute therefor, entitled

A bill to amend sections 8 and 14 of title 10 of act No. 374 of the local acts of the State of Michigan for the year 1897, entitled "An act to revise the charter of the city of Grand Rapids," approved March 25, 1897.

Recommending that the substitute be concurred in, and that the substitute be printed for the use of the committee.

P. HERRIG,
Chairman.

Report accepted.

The question being on ordering the bill printed for the use of the committee,

The House so ordered.

By the committee on Soldiers' Home:

The committee on Soldiers' Home, to whom was referred

House bill No. 13, entitled

A bill to make an appropriation to furnish new boilers to replace those now in use at the Michigan Soldiers' Home.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

D. JUDSON HAMMOND,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was then referred to the committee on Ways and Means, under the rules.

By the committee on Soldiers' Home:

The committee on Soldiers' Home, to whom was referred
House bill No. 12, entitled

A bill to make an appropriation to build and furnish a kitchen and dining room for the Woman's building, located upon the grounds of the Michigan Soldiers' Home.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

D. JUDSON HAMMOND,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was then referred to the committee on Ways and Means, under the rules.

By the committee on Soldiers' Home:

The committee on Soldiers' Home, to whom was referred
House bill No. 11, entitled

A bill making an appropriation for the current expenses of the Michigan Soldiers' Home, and for the Home for Widows, Wives and Mothers of soldiers, sailors and marines who served in the Mexican and late civil wars, for the years 1899 and 1900.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

D. JUDSON HAMMOND,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was then referred to the committee on Ways and Means, under the rules.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

By the special committee on Mileage:

The special committee on Mileage report the following as entitled to mileage:

	Miles.
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WM. D. KELLY.
JOSEPH McLEAN.

The report was accepted.
 The question being on the adoption of the report,
 The report was adopted.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR.

The Speaker announced the following:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
 Lansing, March 16, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I have this day approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State,

House bill No. 1038, being

An act to incorporate the village of Sunfield, in the county of Eaton.

Respectfully,

H. S. PINGREE,
 Governor.

The message was ordered spread on the Journal.

THIRD READING OF BILLS.

House bill No. 9 (file No. 55), entitled

A bill concerning proceedings against concealed, absent and non-resident defendants in chancery, and to amend section 80 of chapter 176 of the compiled laws of 1871, being section 6670 of Howell's annotated statutes of the State of Michigan as amended.

Was read a third time, and pending the taking of the vote on the passage thereof,

On motion of Mr. Colby,

The bill was laid on the table.

House bill No. 346 (file No. 51), entitled

A bill to provide for the filing of a copy of the minutes made by surveyors or civil engineers in the subdivision of all lands within the State.

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Alward

Anderson

Babcock

Baumgärtner

Burdick

Buskirk

Caldwell

Carton

Chandler

Colby

Collins

Mr. Hammond

Hart

Herrig

Hofmeister

Howell

Keep

Kelly

Kerr

Kingott

Locher

Lugers

Mr. Nash

Nevins

Niedermeier

Pack

Randall

Read, J. H.

Robinson

Schmidt

Soper

Stewart

Stumpenhusen

Mr. Dingley	Mr. McCallum	Mr. Taziman
Fleischhauer	McKay	Van Camp
Gillam	Miller	Weier
Gillette	Moore	Wells
Goodrich	Murdoch	Woodruff
Goodyear	Murphy	Speaker
Gray		

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Title agreed to.

House bill No. 73 (file No. 62), entitled

A bill to protect the lives and property of persons at the crossing of electric railroads and public highways within the State of Michigan.

Was read a third time, and pending the taking of the vote on the passage thereof,

On motion of Mr. Colby,

The bill was laid on the table.

Senate bill No. 21 (file No. 2), entitled

A bill to amend section 1 of act No. 230 of the public acts of 1897, entitled "An act to provide for the formation of corporations for the purpose of owning, maintaining and improving lands and other property kept for the purpose of summer resorts or for ornament, recreation or amusement, and to repeal all laws or parts of laws in conflict herewith."

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Alward	Mr. Hart	Mr. Murdoch
Anderson	Heineman	Murphy
Babcock	Herrig	Nash
Baumgärtner	Hofmeister	Niedermeier
Burdick	Howell	Pack
Buskirk	Keep	Randall
Caldwell	Kelly	Read, J. H.
Carton	Kerr	Robinson
Chandler	Kingott	Schmidt
Colby	Locher	Stumpfenhusen
Collins	Lugers	Taziman
Dingley	Lusk	Van Camp
Fleischhauer	McCall	Weier
Gillam	McCallum	Wells
Gillette	McKay	Wheeler
Goodrich	McLean	Wing
Goodyear	Miller	Woodruff
Gray	Moore	Speaker
Hammond		

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NAYS.

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Title agreed to.

Mr. Alward moved that the bill be ordered to take immediate effect.

Pending which,

On motion of Mr. Alward,

The bill was laid on the table.

House bill No. 404 (file No. 63), entitled

A bill to amend section 6738 and section 6739 of Howell's annotated statutes of the State of Michigan, relative to appeals in chancery to the supreme court.

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Alward	Mr. Hart	Mr. Murphy	
Babcock	Heineman	Nash	
Baumgaertner	Herrig	Nevins	
Burdick	Hofmeister	Niedermeyer	
Buskirk	Howell	Pack	
Caldwell	Keep	Randall	
Carton	Kelly	Read, J. H.	
Chamberlain	Kerr	Robinson	
Chandler	Kingott	Schmidt	
Colby	Locher	Stumpenhuisen	
Collins	Lugers	Taziman	
Dingley	Lusk	Van Camp	
Fleischhauer	McCall	Weier	
Gillam	McCallum	Wells	
Gillette	McKay	Wheeler	
Goodrich	McLean	Wing	
Goodyear	Miller	Woodruff	
Gray	Moore	Speaker	
Hammond	Murdoch		56

NAYS.

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Title agreed to.

House bill No. 725 (file No. 64), entitled

A bill to provide for the prevention and punishment of bicycle stealing.

Was read a third time, and pending the taking of the vote on the passage thereof,

On motion of Mr. Davis,

The bill was laid on the table.

House bill No. 43 (file No. 67), entitled

A bill to license and regulate commission men and brokers.

Was read a third time, and pending the taking of the vote on the passage thereof,

On motion of Mr. Weier,

The bill was referred to the committee on Judiciary.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Schmidt moved to take from the table,

House bill No. 891, entitled

A bill to incorporate an insane asylum and locate said asylum in the county of Saginaw, and to provide for the care and maintenance of the insane in Saginaw county.

Which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Schmidt,

The bill was referred to the committee on City Corporations.

Mr. Gillam offered the following:

Resolved, That the reading of the Journal messages of the Governor notifying the House of the approval of legislative acts, be dispensed with until further ordered, and that the Clerk be directed to spread the same on the Journal as soon as received.

Which was adopted, two-thirds of all the members present voting therefor.

Mr. Chamberlain offered the following:

Resolved (the Senate concurring), That the last day for doing business this session, except the enrollment of bills and presenting them to the Governor, shall be Wednesday, May 17, next, and that the Legislature shall adjourn sine die at 12 o'clock noon, Saturday, May 20, 1899.

Laid over one day under the rules.

Mr. Lusk offered the following:

Whereas, The press of this morning informs us that our distinguished fellow citizen of Michigan, Secretary of War Russell A. Alger, contemplates visiting Michigan early in the month of May; and also that there is a possibility that President McKinley may accompany him; therefore be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That the Legislature of the State of Michigan in biennial session assembled hereby cordially invites our distinguished citizen, the Secretary of War, to visit the Legislature at Lansing, and in terms of the most cordial character also invites the President of the United States to accompany him and receive at the hands of the Legislature and the people of the State of Michigan the renewed expressions of confidence and esteem that have been accorded him on previous visits.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded by the officers of both Houses to President McKinley and General Alger.

Pending the order that the resolution lie over one day under the rules,

On motion of Mr. Lusk,

The rules were suspended, two-thirds of all the members present voting therefor, and the resolution was put upon its immediate consideration.

The resolution was then adopted.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Being the consideration of the following:

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That the Board of State Auditors be, and are hereby directed and authorized to consider the proposition of Anna C. Oakley for the purchase of the

portrait referred to in her communication hereto annexed and that a sum not exceeding \$4,000, be appropriated from the general fund for the purchase of said portrait if deemed advisable by the Board of Auditors.

The following are the documents referred to in the resolutions:

Washington, D. C., March 1, 1899.

To the Honorable Members of the Michigan Legislature:

Gentlemen—As I was a resident of the State of Michigan for a period of 30 years, I am anxious to have one of my paintings hung in the Capitol of the State, or in some one of the buildings owned by the State government. I have now what I consider is my masterpiece. It is a large canvas in oil, portraying the battle of the Monitor and Merrimac in Hampton Roads, Virginia. While in many respects this painting may be regarded a reproduction of the celebrated picture of the same battle painted by Mr. Halsall, and that now hangs in the Senate wing of the National Capitol, and for which the government paid \$8,000, it cannot be considered as a copy. The clouds, the smoke from the battleships, the atmospheric effects and the water are original. By many of the best art critics my painting has been pronounced superior to that of Mr. Halsall, while the two were standing side by side. The canvas is twelve by six feet, and I am sure the State of Michigan would be proud in its possession. By a great many authorities the celebrated battle of the ironclads is referred to as the turning point in the great rebellion. Thus the picture is made valuable in a historical sense, as well as for its artistic merits. I will sell the painting to the State of Michigan for \$4000, delivered in Lansing. This is the lowest price, and it is only the great desire to have one of my works thus placed that has induced me to make it. May I bespeak from you a careful consideration of this proposition?

Very respectfully,

(MRS.) ANNA E. OAKLEY.

Also the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Washington, D. C.

To the Members of the Michigan Legislature:

Gentlemen—The undersigned members of the Michigan delegation in Congress have carefully examined an oil painting representing the celebrated naval battle between the Monitor and the Merrimac in Hampton Roads, Virginia, and painted by Mrs. Anna E. Oakley, who was a resident of Michigan for a period of 30 years. We believe the painting is fully equal, if not superior, to that painted by Mr. Halsall, of the same battle, and that now hangs in a prominent position in the Senate wing of the National Capitol, and which he sold to the government for \$8,000. Mrs. Oakley's canvas is of equal size, being twelve by six feet, and in many respects can be considered a reproduction of Mr. Halsall's masterpiece. Mrs. Oakley is anxious to sell this painting to the State of Michigan, that it may find a permanent resting place upon the walls of the State Capitol or other public building. We have no hesitancy, whatever, in pronouncing it a splendid work of art. The best critics have spoken in high praise of its every feature, and we regard it as well worth the price asked by

the artist, and commend Mrs. Oakley's offer for the consideration of your honorable bodies.

R. O. CRUMP, M. C. of 10th Michigan.
C. D. SHELDON, M. C. of 12th Michigan.
W. S. MESICK, M. C. of 11th Michigan.
WM. ALDEN SMITH, 5th Dist. Michigan.
R. P. BISHOP, 9th Dist. Michigan.
GEO. SPALDING, 2d Dist. Michigan.
JNO. B. CORLISS, 1st Dist. Michigan.
E. L. HAMILTON, 4th Dist. Michigan.
F. D. BRUOKER, 8th Dist. Michigan.
HORACE G. SNOVER, 7th Dist. Michigan.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution,

On motion of Mr. Lusk,

The resolution was referred to the committee on State Capitol and Public Buildings.

GENERAL ORDER.

On motion of Mr. Gillam,

The House went into committee of the whole, on the general order.

Whereupon the Speaker called Mr. Gillam to the chair.

After some time spent therein, the committee rose, and through their chairman, made the following report:

The committee of the whole have had under consideration the following:

1. Senate bill No. 18 (file 14), entitled

A bill to provide for the purchase of books and equipments for the Michigan State Library and the Michigan traveling libraries.

2. House bill No. 546 (file No. 66), entitled

A bill to regulate the practice in the circuit courts of this State upon demurrers to the evidence upon requests by the defendants to direct the verdict.

3. House bill No. 564 (file No. 76), entitled

A bill to amend an act entitled "An act to provide punishment for getting on board railroad trains when in motion," approved April 18, 1883.

Have made no amendments thereto, and have directed their chairman to report the same back to the House, and recommend their passage.

The committee of the whole have also had under consideration the following:

4. Senate bill No. 154, entitled

A bill to provide for the inspection of illuminating oils manufactured from petroleum or coal oils, and to repeal act No. 127, laws of 1879, as amended by act No. 49 of the laws of 1881, act No. 20, laws of 1883, act No. 71 of the laws of 1891, and act No. 94 of the laws of 1893.

And have directed their chairman to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that it be printed for the use of the committee.

GEO. E. GILLAM,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The first, second and third named bills were placed on the order of third reading.

The question being on concurring in the recommendation of the committee relative to the fourth named bill,

On motion of Mr. Alward,

The bill was laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. Hammond,

Leave of absence was granted to himself until Tuesday next.

On motion of Mr. Anderson,

Leave of absence was granted to himself until Tuesday next.

On motion of Mr. Dingley,

Leave of absence was granted to himself until Tuesday next.

On motion of Mr. Hofmeister,

Leave of absence was granted to himself until Tuesday next.

On motion of Mr. Gillette,

Leave of absence was granted to himself until Tuesday next.

On motion of Mr. Schmidt,

Leave of absence was granted to himself until Tuesday next.

On motion of Mr. Colby,

Leave of absence was granted to himself until Tuesday next.

On motion of Mr. Foster,

Leave of absence was granted to himself until Wednesday next.

On motion of Mr. Moore,

Leave of absence was granted to himself until Wednesday next.

On motion of Mr. McCall,

Leave of absence was granted to himself until Tuesday next.

On motion of Mr. Stewart,

Leave of absence was granted to himself until Tuesday next.

On motion of Mr. Goodrich,

Leave of absence was granted to himself until Tuesday next.

On motion of Mr. Wells,

Leave of absence was granted to himself until Tuesday next.

Mr. Murdoch moved that the House adjourn.

Which motion prevailed, and

The Speaker declared the House adjourned until 4 o'clock p. m., on Monday next.

REPRESENTATIVE HALL, LANSING,

Monday, March 20, 1899.

The House met pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Wooten.

Roll called: quorum present.

Absent without leave: Messrs. Burdick, Carton, Cheever, Davis, Gray, Hart, Heineman, Keep, Nash, Pack, Pearson, W. A. Reed, Robinson and Soper.

On motion of Mr. Phillips,

Leave of absence was granted to Mr. Burdick indefinitely on account of sickness.

On motion of Mr. Van Camp,
Leave of absence was granted to all absentees for the day.

BILLS PRESENTED TO THE GOVERNOR.

By the Clerk:

I have to report that I have this day enrolled, compared and presented to the Governor,

House bill No. 1030, entitled

An act to amend section 2 of title 4, sections 8 and 9 of title 24, and sections 1 and 2 of title 30 of act No. 424 of the local acts of 1895, entitled "An act to incorporate the city of Traverse City," in the county of Grand Traverse, and to repeal all acts and parts of acts in conflict therewith.

In accordance with the rules and order of the House: the receipt for the same being dated 2:09 p. m., March 20, 1899.

LEWIS M. MILLER,
Clerk of the House.

By the Clerk:

I have to report that I have this day enrolled, compared and presented to the Governor,

House bill No. 203, entitled

An act to amend section No. 5 of act No. 135 of the public acts of Michigan of 1895, entitled "An act to provide for the holding of primaries in cities of not less than fifteen thousand inhabitants and not over one hundred and fifty thousand inhabitants, and to punish frauds thereon, and by delegates elected thereat, and the corruption and attempted corruption of such delegates.

In accordance with the rules and order of the House: the receipt for the same being dated 2:10 p. m., March 20, 1899.

LEWIS M. MILLER,
Clerk of the House.

By the Clerk:

I have to report that I have this day enrolled, compared and presented to the Governor,

House bill No. 539, entitled

An act to authorize the village of Fremont, in the county of Newaygo, to borrow money to construct public buildings and make public improvements in said village.

In accordance with the rules and order of the House: the receipt for the same being dated 2:10 p. m., March 20, 1899.

LEWIS M. MILLER,
Clerk of the House.

By the Clerk:

I have to report that I have this day enrolled, compared and presented to the Governor,

House bill No. 158, entitled

An act to amend section 6 of act No. 304, of session laws of 1887, entitled "An act to provide a general law under which corporations may be formed to carry on printing, publishing and book-making, and any or either of them," approved June 28, 1887, being compiler's section 1205 of chapter 129a, volume 3 of Howell's annotated statutes of the State of Michigan.

In accordance with the rules and order of the House: the receipt for the same being dated 2:11 p. m., March 20, 1899.

LEWIS M. MILLER,
Clerk of the House.

By the Clerk:

I have to report that I have this day enrolled, compared and presented to the Governor,

House bill No. 755, entitled

An act to authorize the Board of Education of the city of Escanaba, county of Delta, and State of Michigan, to borrow money and issue bonds in the sum of fifteen thousand dollars, to be used in the erection of a school building in the city, and in the purchase of a site therefor.

In accordance with the rules and order of the House: the receipt for the same being dated 2:10 p. m., March 20, 1899.

LEWIS M. MILLER,
Clerk of the House.

By the Clerk:

I have to report that I have this day enrolled, compared and presented to the Governor,

House bill No. 566, entitled

An act to authorize the township of Oliver, in the county of Huron, and State of Michigan, to borrow money and issue bonds therefor, the proceeds of which are to be used to promote any public improvements in said township.

In accordance with the rules and order of the House: the receipt for the same being dated 2:11 p. m., March 20, 1899.

LEWIS M. MILLER,
Clerk of the House.

By the Clerk:

I have to report that I have this day enrolled, compared and presented to the Governor,

House joint resolution No. 348 (file No. 36), entitled

Joint resolution to authorize and instruct the Board of State Auditors to examine into, and if they deem it justifiable, to allow the claim of William T. Densmore for injuries sustained by him from a premature discharge of a cannon while engaged in the regular performance of his duty as a member of the Hudson Light Artillery Company, an organized volunteer militia company, organized under the laws of the State of Michigan, at Hudson, Michigan.

In accordance with the rules and order of the House: the receipt for the same being dated 2:10 p. m., March 20, 1899.

LEWIS M. MILLER,
Clerk of the House.

By the Clerk:

I have to report that I have this day enrolled, compared and presented to the Governor,

Concurrent resolution relative to the distribution of the compiled laws of 1897, to members of the Legislature of 1895 and 1897.

In accordance with the rules and order of the House: the receipt for the same being dated 2:10 p. m., March 20, 1899.

LEWIS M. MILLER,
Clerk of the House.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS.

No. 261. By Mr. Phillips: Petition of N. Thomas and 51 others, citizens of Van Buren county, relative to the liquor traffic.

Referred to the committee on Liquor Traffic.

No. 262. By Mr. Phillips: Petition of S. H. Mallory and 44 others, members of Hamilton Grange, asking for an appropriation for a woman's building at the Agricultural College.

Referred to the committee on Agricultural College.

No. 263. By Mr. Van Camp: Petition of Mt. Tabor Grange, No. 43, asking for the enactment of the anti-color law.

Referred to the committee on State Affairs.

No. 264. By Mr. Murphy: Petition of Montgomery Grange, asking for an appropriation for a woman's building at the Agricultural College.

Referred to the committee on Agricultural College.

No. 265. By Mr. Murdoch: Petition of North Burns Grange, No. 662, asking for the enactment of the anti-color law.

Referred to the committee on State Affairs.

No. 266. By Mr. Van Camp: Petition of Berrien Center Grange, in favor of an appropriation for a woman's building at the Agricultural College.

Referred to the committee on Agricultural College.

No. 267. By Mr. Collins: Petition of James O'Donnell and others, citizens of Jackson, relative to cleaning out Grand river at that place.

Referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

No. 268. By Mr. Howell: Petition of West Adrian Grange, No. 213, asking for the enactment of the anti-color law.

Referred to the committee on State Affairs.

No. 269. By Mr. Howell: Petition of Julia Reed and 30 others, in favor of an appropriation for a woman's building at the Agricultural College.

Referred to the committee on Agricultural College.

No. 270. By Mr. Howell: Petition of W. E. Camburn and 14 others, asking for an appropriation for a woman's building at the Agricultural College.

Referred to the committee on Agricultural College.

No. 271. By Mr. Howell: Petition of Evans Lake Grange, No. 747, asking for the enactment of the anti-color law.

Referred to the committee on State Affairs.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

By the committee on Military Affairs:

The committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred

House bill No. 194, entitled

A bill to amend act No. 141 of the public acts of 1885, entitled "An act to authorize the use of condemned State arms by the organization known as 'The Sons of Veterans.'" approved June 5, 1885.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, with amendment thereto, recommending that the amendment be concurred

in, and that the bill when so amended do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

C. C. PHILLIPS,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The question being on concurring in the amendment made by the committee to the bill,

The House concurred.

The bill was then ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on Village Corporations:

The committee on Village Corporations, to whom was referred House bill No. 914, entitled

A bill to provide for the election of two aldermen at large in the city of Wyandotte, and to fix their term of office and compensation.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House and recommend that the bill be referred to the committee on City Corporations.

G. W. REED,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The question being on concurring in the request made by the committee for the reference of the bill to the committee on City Corporations,

The House concurred, and the bill was so referred.

THIRD READING OF BILLS.

Senate bill No. 18 (file No. 14), entitled

A bill to provide for the purchase of books and equipments for the Michigan State Library and the Michigan traveling libraries.

Was read a third time, and pending the taking of the vote on the passage thereof.

On motion of Mr. Phillips,

The bill was laid on the table.

House bill No. 546 (file No. 66), entitled

A bill to regulate the practice in the circuit courts of this State upon demurrers to the evidence upon requests by the defendants to direct the verdict.

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Aldrich	Mr. Fleischhauer	Mr. Murdoch
Alward	Goodell	Murphy
Babcock	Handy	Nevins
Baumgärtner	Hatzenbuehler	Niedermeier
Brownell	Herrig	Phillips
Bryan	Howell	Randall
Burch	Kelly	Read, J. H.
Buskirk	Kerr	Reed, G. W.
Caldwell	Kingott	Stumpfenhusen

Mr. Chamberlain	Mr. Laflamboy	Mr. Sutherland
Chandler	Locher	Taziman
Collins	Lugers	Watters
Colvin	McCallum	Weier
Dickinson	McKay	Wheeler
Doyle	McLeod	Wing
Dudley	Mason	Woodruff
Duff	Miller	Speaker

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Title agreed to.

House bill No. 564 (file No. 76), entitled

A bill to amend an act entitled "An act to provide punishment for getting on board railroad trains when in motion," approved April 18, 1883.

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Aldrich	Mr. Fleischhauer	Mr. Murphy
Alward	Gillam	Nevins
Babcock	Goodell	Niedermeyer
Baumgaertner	Handy	Phillips
Brownell	Hatzenbuehler	Randall
Bryan	Herrig	Read, J. H.
Burch	Howell	Reed, G. W.
Buskirk	Kelly	Stumpenhusen
Caldwell	Kingott	Sutherland
Chamberlain	Laflamboy	Taziman
Chandler	Lugers	Van Camp
Collins	McCallum	Watters
Crosby	McKay	Weier
Dickinson	McLean	Wheeler
Doyle	Mason	Wing
Dudley	Miller	Woodruff
Duff	Murdoch	Speaker

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Mr. Colvin

Mr. Kerr

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Title agreed to.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Bryan moved to take from the table,

House bill No. 909, entitled

A bill to abolish the board of public works in the city of Wyandotte and to define the powers and duties of the mayor and common council.

On motion of Mr. Bryan,

The bill was referred to the committee on City Corporations.

Mr. Bryan moved to take from the table,

House bill No. 910, entitled

A bill to provide for the construction, care and maintenance of the water works and electric lighting plant of the city of Wyandotte.

Which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Bryan,

The bill was referred to the committee on City Corporations.

Mr. Bryan moved to take from the table,

House bill No. 911, entitled

A bill to provide for the levy, assessment and collection of taxes in the city of Wyandotte.

Which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Bryan,

The bill was referred to the committee on City Corporations.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Being the consideration of the following:

Resolved (the Senate concurring), That the last day for doing business this session, except the enrollment of bills and presenting them to the Governor, shall be Wednesday, May 17. next, and that the Legislature shall adjourn sine die at 12 o'clock noon, Saturday, May 20, 1899.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution,

On motion of Mr. Chamberlain,

The resolution was laid on the table.

GENERAL ORDER.

On Motion of Mr. Alward,

The House went into committee of the whole, on the general order.

Whereupon the Speaker called Mr. Kelly to the chair.

After some time spent therein, the committee rose, and through their chairman, made the following report:

The committee of the whole have had under consideration the following:

1. Senate bill No. 30 (file No. 34), entitled

A bill to amend section 100 of the charter of the city of Ann Arbor.

2. House bill No. 843 (file No. 83), entitled

A bill to fix the salary of the chief of the corporation division of the Department of State.

3. House bill No. 152 (file No. 88), entitled

A bill declaring the solicitation, teaching, advocacy, or the persuasion of polygamy a felony.

4. House bill No. 1015 (file No. 90), entitled

A bill to amend sections 5 and 47 of act No. 190 of the public acts of 1891, entitled "An act to prescribe the manner of conducting and to prevent fraud and (deception) deceptions at elections in this State," and to repeal all acts and parts of acts contravening the provisions of this act.

5 House bill No. 103 (file No. 98), entitled

A bill to repeal act No. 198 of the public acts of 1897 entitled "An act to create a board of commissioners for the purpose of securing for use in certain of the common or primary schools of the State of Michigan a uniform series of text-books, to fix the maximum price to be charged for said books and to make an appropriation for carrying out the provisions of this act."

6. House bill No. 290 (file No. 73), entitled

A bill to amend section 1 of act No. 396 of the local acts of Michigan, 1895, entitled "An act to provide for the organization of a fractional school district in the townships of Brady and Chesaning, in the county of Saginaw, and in the townships of New Haven and Rush in the county of Shiawassee, State of Michigan, to be known as the Oakley Public School District."

Have made no amendments thereto, and have directed their chairman to report the same back to the House, and recommend their passage.

The committee of the whole have also had under consideration the following:

7. House bill No. 978 (file No. 97), entitled

A bill to amend section 18 of an act, entitled "An act to provide for the assessment of property and the levy and collection of taxes thereon, and for the collection of taxes heretofore and hereafter levied; making such taxes a lien on the lands taxed, establishing and continuing such lien, providing for the sale and conveyance of lands delinquent for taxes and for the inspection and disposition of lands bid off to the State and not redeemed or purchased; and to repeal act No. 200 of the public acts of 1891 and all other acts and parts of acts in any wise contravening any of the provisions of this act," approved June 1, 1893.

Have made sundry amendments thereto, and have directed their chairman to report the same back to the House, asking concurrence therein, and recommend its passage.

W. D. KELLY,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The first, second, third, fourth, fifth and sixth named bills were placed on the order of third reading.

The question being on concurring in the amendment made by the committee to the seventh named bill.

The House concurred, and it was placed on the order of third reading. On motion of Mr. Herrig.

The House took a recess until 7:30 o'clock this evening.

EVENING SESSION.

7:30 o'clock p. m.

The House met and was called to order by the Speaker.

Roll called: quorum present.

The House resumed the regular order.

No. 272. By Mr. Murphy: Petition of John Maynard and others, citizens of Carsonville, Michigan, asking for an appropriation for a woman's building at the Agricultural College.

Referred to the committee on Agricultural College.

No. 273. By Mr. Murdoch: Petition of Verona Mills Grange, No. 667, asking for the enactment of the anti-color law.

Referred to the committee on State Affairs.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

By the committee on Public Lands:

The committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred

House bill No. 600, entitled

A bill to authorize and empower the Oak Grove Cemetery Association, of Napoleon, in the county of Jackson, to transfer and convey the cemetery now owned and controlled by said association, to the board of health of the township of Napoleon, to be used for maintaining a cemetery.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

E. P. KEEP,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

Pending the order that the bill be printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

On motion of Mr. W. A. Reed,

The rules were suspended, two-thirds of all the members present voting therefor, and the bill was put upon its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Aldrich	Mr. Goodell	Mr. Murphy
Alward	Goodrich	Niedermeier
Babcock	Handy	Pearson
Baumgärtner	Hatzenbuehr	Phillips
Brownell	Howell	Randall
Bryan	Keep	Read, J. H.
Burch	Kelly	Reed, G. W.
Buskirk	Kerr	Reed, W. A.
Chandler	Kingott	Stumpenhuisen
Collins	Locher	Sutherland
Colvin	Lugers	Taziman
Davis	McCall	Van Camp
Dickinson	McCallum	Watters
Doyle	McKay	Weier
Dudley	McLeod	Wheeler

Mr. Duff
Fleischhauer
Gillette

Mr. Mason
Miller
Murdoch

Mr. Woodruff
Speaker

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Title agreed to.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Handy moved that

House joint resolution No. 95 (file No. 35), entitled

Joint resolution proposing an amendment to section 1, article 7, of the constitution of the State of Michigan, relative to elections.

Now on the special order for March 21, be made the special order for Thursday, March 23, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

Which motion prevailed, two-thirds of all the members present voting therefor.

Mr. Heineman moved to discharge the committee of the whole from the further consideration of

House bill No. 7 (file No. 82), entitled

A bill to promote the establishment and efficiency of free public libraries.

Which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Heineman,

The bill was referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

GENERAL ORDER.

On motion of Mr. Kelly,

The House went into committee of the whole on the general order.

Whereupon the Speaker called Mr. Alward to the chair.

After some time spent therein, the committee rose, and through their chairman, made the following report:

The committee of the whole have had under consideration the following:

1. House bill No. 180 (file No. 75), entitled

A bill to amend an act entitled "An act to provide for the incorporation of villages within the State of Michigan, and defining their powers and duties," approved February 19, 1895.

2. House bill No. 641 (file No. 99), entitled

A bill to amend section 7 of act No. 149 of the public acts of 1893, entitled "An act to provide for a county and township system of roads, and to prescribe the powers and duties of the officers having charge thereof" as amended by act No. 251 of the public acts of 1897.

3. House bill No. 48 (file No. 77), entitled

A bill to amend section 4 of chapter 7 of act No. 3, session laws of 1895, entitled "An act to provide for the incorporation of villages within the State of Michigan and defining their powers and duties," being section 2772 of the compiled laws of 1897.

4. House bill No. 260 (file No. 86), entitled

A bill to amend section 9 of act No. 52 of the public acts of 1897, en-

titled "An act authorizing the incorporation of homes for aged, infirm or indigent men or women," approved March 26, 1897.

Have made no amendments thereto, and have directed their chairman to report the same back to the House, and recommend their passage.

The committee of the whole have also had under consideration the following:

5. House bill No. 592 (file No. 91), entitled

A bill to repeal section 7 and to amend sections 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 of act No. 122 of the public acts of 1889, entitled "An act to provide for the publication and distribution of laws and documents, reports of the several officers, boards of officers and public institutions of this State, now or hereafter to be published, and to provide for the replacing of books lost by fire or otherwise, and to repeal all existing laws providing for the publication and distribution of said laws, documents and reports."

6. House bill No. 421 (file No. 100), entitled

A bill to amend section 1 of act No. 78 of the public acts of the State of Michigan for the year 1887, being an act entitled "An act to prevent persons from unlawfully using or wearing the badge of the Grand Army of the Republic in this State, or of the Loyal Legion of the United States," section 4859p of Howell's annotated statutes.

Have made sundry amendments thereto, and have directed their chairman to report the same back to the House, asking concurrence therein, and recommend their passage.

ROBERT ALWARD,

Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The first, second, third and fourth named bills were placed on the order of third reading.

The question being on concurring in the amendment made by the committee to the fifth and sixth named bills,

The House concurred, and they were placed on the order of third reading.

By unanimous consent:

The House took up the order of

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. McCallum moved to take from the table.

House bill No. 757, entitled

A bill to vacate the township of Au Train, in the county of Alger, and to incorporate its territory within the township of Munising, in said county.

Which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. McCallum,

The rules were suspended, two-thirds of all the members present voting therefor, and the bill was put upon its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Aldrich
Alward

Mr. Gillette
Goodell

Mr. Mason
Miller

Mr. Baumgaertner	Mr. Hammond	Mr. Murdoch
Bryan	Handy	Murphy
Burch	Hatzenbuhler	Nash
Burdick	Heineman	Nevins
Buskirk	Herrig	Pearson
Caldwell	Howell	Phillips
Chandler	Keep	Randall
Collins	Kerr	Read, J. H.
Colvin	Kingott	Reed, G. W.
Davis	Laflamboy	Reed, W. A.
Dickinson	Locher	Sutherland
Doyle	Lugers	Van Camp
Dudley	McCall	Watters
Duff	McCallum	Wheeler
Eikhoff	McKay	Woodruff
Fleischhauer	McLean	Speaker
Gillam	McLeod	

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Title agreed to.

Mr. McCallum moved to take from the table,

House bill No. 758, entitled

A bill to vacate the township of Rock River, in the county of Alger, and to incorporate its territory within the township of Onota, in said county.

Which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. McCallum,

The rules were suspended, two-thirds of all the members present voting therefor, and the bill was put upon its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Aldrich	Mr. Goodell	Mr. Mason
Alward	Goodrich	Miller
Baumgaertner	Goodyear	Murdoch
Bryan	Hammond	Murphy
Burch	Handy	Nash
Burdick	Hatzenbuhler	Nevins
Buskirk	Heineman	Pearson
Caldwell	Herrig	Phillips
Chandler	Howell	Randall
Collins	Keep	Read, J. H.
Colvin	Kerr	Reed, G. W.
Davis	Kingott	Reed, W. A.
Dickinson	Laflamboy	Sutherland
Doyle	Locher	Taziman
Dudley	Lugers	Van Camp
Duff	McCall	Watters
Eikhoff	McCallum	Wheeler

Mr. Fleischhauer
Gillam
Gillette

Mr. McKay
McLean
McLeod

Mr. Woodruff
Speaker

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Title agreed to.

Mr. McCallum moved to take from the table.

House bill No. 759, entitled

A bill to detach certain territory from the township of Munising, in the county of Alger, and to attach the same to the township of Burt, in the county of Alger.

Which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. McCallum.

The rules were suspended, two-thirds of all the members present voting therefor, and the bill was put upon its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Aldrich
Alward
Babcock
Baumgaertner
Bryan
Burch
Burdick
Buskirk
Caldwell
Chandler
Collins
Colvin
Davis
Dickinson
Doyle
Duff
Eikhoff
Fleischhauer
Gillam
Gillette

Mr. Goodell
Goodrich
Goodyear
Gray
Hammond
Handy
Hatzenbuehler
Heineman
Herrig
Howell
Keep
Kerr
Kingott
Lafamboy
Locher
Lugers
McCall
McCallum
McKay

Mr. McLean
McLeod
Mason
Miller
Murdoch
Murphy
Nash
Nevins
Pearson
Phillips
Randall
Read, J. H.
Reed, G. W.
Reed, W. A.
Sutherland
Taziman
Watters
Woodruff
Speaker

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Title agreed to.

Mr. Goodell moved to take from the table,

House bill No. 73 (file No. 62), entitled

A bill to protect the lives and property of persons at the crossing of electric railroads and public highways within the State of Michigan.

Which motion prevailed.

The question being on the passage of the bill.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Aldrich	Mr. Gillette	Mr. McLeod
Alward	Goodell	Mason
Babcock	Goodrich	Miller
Baumgaetner	Goodyear	Murdoch
Brownell	Gray	Murphy
Bryan	Hammond	Nash
Burch	Handy	Nevins
Burdick	Hatzenbuehler	Niedermeier
Buskirk	Heineman	Pearson
Caldwell	Herrig	Randall
Chandler	Howell	Read, J. H.
Collins	Keep	Reed, G. W.
Colvin	Kerr	Reed, W. A.
Crosby	Kingott	Sutherland
Davis	Lafamboy	Taziman
Dickinson	Locher	Van Camp
Doyle	Lugers	Watters
Dudley	McCall	Weier
Duff	McCallum	Wheeler
Eikhoff	McKay	Woodruff
Fleischhauer	McLean	Speaker
Gillam		

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Title agreed to.

Mr. Colvin moved to take from the table,

House bill No. 493, entitled

A bill to authorize the township of Carrollton, in the county of Saginaw, to borrow money on its faith and credit, and to use the same in the construction of a stone road on the highway known as the Carrollton Road, in said township, from the point where the said Carrollton Road intersects the main line of the Flint and Pere Marquette railroad, thence northerly along said highway to the south line of the township of Zilwaukee, and to empower said township to issue its bonds for the money so borrowed.

Which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Colvin,

The rules were suspended, two-thirds of all the members present voting therefor, and the bill was put upon its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Aldrich	Mr. Goodell	Mr. Mason
Alward	Goodrich	Miller

Mr. Babcock	Mr. Goodyear	Mr. Murdoch
Brownell	Gray	Murphy
Bryan	Hammond	Nash
Burdick	Handy	Nevins
Buskirk	Hatzenbuehler	Niedermeier
Caldwell	Heineman	Pearson
Chandler	Herrig	Randall
Collins	Howell	Read, J. H.
Colvin	Keep	Reed, G. W.
Crosby	Kerr	Reed, W. A.
Davis	Kingott	Stumpfenhusen
Dickinson	Laflamboy	Sutherland
Doyle	Locher	Watters
Dudley	Lugers	Weier
Duff	McCall	Wheeler
Fleischhauer	McCallum	Woodruff
Gillam	McKay	Speaker
Gillette	McLeod	

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Aldrich the House adjourned.

{ REPRESENTATIVE HALL, LANSING,
Tuesday, March 21, 1899.

The House met pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Wooton.

Roll called: quorum present.

Absent without leave: Messrs. Carton, Cheever, Robinson, Soper, Weter and Wood.

On motion of Mr. Murphy,

Leave of absence was granted to all absentees for the day.

BILLS PRESENTED TO THE GOVERNOR.

By the Clerk:

I have to report that I have this day enrolled, compared and presented to the Governor,

House bill No. 233, entitled

An act to amend section 2 of chapter 20 of "An act relative to free schools in the city of Detroit," approved February 24, 1869, and amended March 28, 1873, March 11, 1881, and June 8, 1883.

In accordance with the rules and order of the House: the receipt for the same being dated 10:08 a. m., March 21, 1899.

LEWIS M. MILLER,
Clerk of the House.

No. 274. By Mr. Hart: Petition of Medina Grange No. 277, asking for the enactment of the anti-color law.

Referred to the committee on State Affairs.

No. 275. By Mr. Hart: Petition of Lime Creek Grange No. 712, asking for the passage of the anti-color law.

Referred to the committee on State Affairs.

No. 276. By Mr. Hart: Petition of C. R. Bradish and nine others in reference to Agricultural College.

Referred to the committee on Agricultural College.

No. 277. By Mr. Hart: Petition of Pliny Crockett and others in reference to Agricultural College.

Referred to the committee on Agricultural College.

No. 278. By Mr. Hart: Petition of Order No. 12, Sons of Veterans of Hudson, Mich., asking for the passage of House bill No. 194, affecting Sons of Veterans.

Referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

No. 279. By Mr. Hart: Petition of Cadmus Grange, in reference to the Agricultural College.

Referred to the committee on Agricultural College.

No. 280. By Mr. Wing: Petition of Glass Creek Grange No. 425, asking for the enactment of the anti-color law.

Referred to the committee on State Affairs.

No. 281. By Mr. Nevins: Petition of Otsego Grange No. 364, asking for the enactment of the anti-color law, county salary bill and for a woman's building at the Agricultural College.

Referred to the committee on State Affairs.

No. 282. By Mr. Taziman: Petition of Rev. Wm. Service and 65 others, protesting against sale of liquor near schools.

Referred to the committee on Liquor Traffic.

No. 283. By Mr. Nevins: Petition of E. H. Atwater and 11 other of Ganges, Mich., for a woman's building at the Agricultural College.

Referred to the committee on Agricultural College.

No. 284. By Mr. McCallum: Petition of the North Channel Club St. Clair Flats, relative to the passage of the Kingott bill.

Referred to the committee on Judiciary.

No. 285. By Mr. Nash: Petition of Silver Lake Grange No. 275, asking for the passage of the anti-color law.

Referred to the committee on State Affairs.

No. 286. By Mr. Gillette: Petition of Twelve Corners Grange for an appropriation for the Agricultural College.

Referred to the committee on Agricultural College.

No. 287. By Mr. Nash: Petition of Cedar Springs Grange asking for the passage of the anti-color law.

Referred to the committee on State Affairs.

No. 288. By Mr. W. A. Reed: Petition of Edward Jones of Jackson, relative to cleaning out Grand river at that place.

Referred to the committee on Ways and Means.

No. 289. By Mr. Phillips: Petition of John Edgerton

citizens of Allegan county, asking for the passage of Senate bill No. 4 (file No. 7), relative to local option.

Referred to the committee on Liquor Traffic.

No. 290. By Mr. Randall: Petition of Elbridge Center Grange No. 711, asking for the passage of the anti-color law.

Referred to the committee on State Affairs.

No. 291. By Mr. Davis: Petition of H. F. Dyke and others, with reference to sale of liquor near schools.

Referred to the committee on Liquor Traffic.

No. 292. By Mr. Fleischhauer: Petition of Triumph Grange No. 513 asking for the passage of the anti-color law.

Referred to the committee on State Affairs.

No. 293. By Mr. Fleischhauer: Petition of Sears Grange No. 628, asking for the passage of the anti-color law.

Referred to the committee on State Affairs.

No. 294. By Mr. Doyle: Petition of DeWitt Grange No. 459, asking appropriation for Agricultural College.

Referred to the committee on Agricultural College.

No. 295. By mail to the Clerk: Petition of W. H. Donaldson and seven others of Wyandotte, asking for an equalization of soldiers' bounties.

Referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

By the committee on Insurance:

The committee on Insurance, to whom was referred

House bill No. 229, entitled

"A bill to amend section 1 of act 187, approved June 17, 1887, entitled "An act to revise the laws providing for the incorporation of co-operative and mutual benefit associations and to define the powers and duties and regulate the transaction of the business of all such corporations and associations doing business within this State."

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

WM. D. KELLY,

Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on City Corporations:

The committee on City Corporations, to whom was referred

House bill No. 891, entitled

A bill to incorporate an insane asylum and locate said asylum in the county of Saginaw, and to provide for the care and maintenance of the insane in Saginaw county.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, with the accompanying substitute therefor, entitled

A bill to authorize the county of Saginaw to submit the question of

issuing bonds to the qualified voters of said county, for the purpose of erecting an asylum for the care and maintenance of the insane.

Recommending that the substitute be concurred in, and that the substitute do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

P. HERRIG,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The question being on concurring in the substitute reported for the bill, by the committee,

The House concurred.

Pending the order that the bill be printed, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order,

On motion of Mr. Schmidt,

The rules were suspended, two-thirds of all the members present voting therefor, and the bill was put upon its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Aldrich	Mr. Goodell	Mr. Murphy
Alward	Goodrich	Nash
Anderson	Gray	Nevins
Babcock	Hammond	Niedermeyer
Baumgartner	Handy	Pack
Brownell	Hart	Pearson
Bryan	Hatzenbuehler	Phillips
Burch	Heck	Randall
Burdick	Heineman	Read, J. H.
Buskirk	Herrig	Reed, G. W.
Caldwell	Howell	Reed, W. A.
Chamberlain	Keep	Schmidt
Ohandler	Kelly	Shepherd
Colby	Kerr	Stewart
Collins	Laffamboy	Stumpenhusen
Colvin	Locher	Sutherland
Crosby	Lugers	Taziman
Davis	Lusk	Van Camp
Dickinson	McCall	Watters
Dingley	McKay	Weier
Doyle	McLeod	Wells
Dudley	Mason	Wheeler
Eikhoff	Miller	Wing
Fleischhauer	Moore	Woodruff
Gillam	Murdoch	Speaker
Gillette		

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Schmidt,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

By the committee on Upper Peninsula Prison:

The committee on Upper Peninsula Prison, to whom was referred House bill No. 301, entitled

A bill making an appropriation for making improvements and furnishings for the Upper Peninsula Prison at Marquette.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

E. S. RANDALL,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was then referred to the committee on Ways and Means, under the rules.

By the committee on Drainage:

The committee on Drainage, to whom was referred

House bill No. 97, entitled

A bill to provide for the construction of a drain between the counties of Bay and Saginaw, from the duck pond in the township of Merritt, Bay county, and Bloomfield, Saginaw county, to the Cheboyganing creek, in Saginaw county, and authorizing the Board of Control of State swamp lands to make an appropriation for said purpose.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

G. T. MASON,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on Liquor Traffic:

The committee on Liquor Traffic, to whom was referred

House bill No. 463, entitled

A bill to amend section 3 of act No. 113, of the public acts of the State of Michigan, for the year of 1887, entitled "An act to provide for taxation and regulation of the business of manufacturing, selling, keeping for sale, furnishing, giving or delivering spirituous, brewed or fermented and vinous liquors in this State, and to repeal any acts or parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act."

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

N. W. BURDICK,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on Geological Survey:

Your committee found within the grounds of the mining school a modest frame building apparently one story high, which, however, disclosed a basement and an attic, each equivalent to a story. From the rear a two story, fire proof, brick vault projects. This building was, we understand, built by private subscription and by a small grant from the current appropriation of the survey in lieu of rental. The finish is extremely plain within and without, plain board floors with cracks large enough for a pen to drop in and rough plastered walls. The endeavor has evidently been to put everything into the working equipment. The large drawing table was the finest we had ever seen. There was a well appointed equipment of instruments, type, etc., for making maps, and a complete photographic equipment for making reproductions of the same. We were shown some very fine specimens of map making, especially of the copper belts. We were also shown plates and proof of volume six, so far as it has gone, and can easily see that it represents much labor and is a valuable increment to our knowledge of those copper belts which have added so many millions to the taxable property of the State and so many thousands to its treasury. It ought to be possible for every member of the Legislature to have a copy before this session closes. We were also shown the manuscript of completed reports on Huron and Sanilac counties and were informed that a systematic survey on a much closer scale than anything heretofore attempted had been begun in both of the counties adjacent to the coal basin and of Monroe county in which valuable deposits of very high grade limestone and glass sand have been located by the survey. This work has been nearly suspended, however, upon the vote of the Board of Auditors not to publish the same without instructions from the Legislature.

"The Michigan Miner," an enterprising paper of Saginaw, has, however, been publishing Dr. Lane's general report on coal in the lower peninsula at its own expense. We have received copies of the first part thereof. The vault of the building contains a collection of rare mine maps and plans which cannot be duplicated elsewhere, and we are inclined to believe that it would be well if every mine were compelled to file such maps, as is done in many other states. If not, we fear accidents may happen from breaking into old workings. The basement contains extensive collections of the rocks and minerals of this State. In conclusion, we would say that we believe in this era of rapidly developing mining enterprises, the geological survey is capable of adding more than its cost to the sources of revenue by leading exploration into profitable channels, not to mention the thousands of dollars it might save of fruitless exploration. We found the work of the survey progressing as well as possible with its limited equipment and funds, and we believe the personnel is zealous and faithful. We were glad to note an indomitable zeal to look after raw materials and all the sections of the State.

But it is impossible that the survey can fill its functions unless means for more prompt and ample publications of its results are provided. As the law now stands, in fact, under the recent decision of the Board of Auditors, absolutely no publication of these results is possible. Yet it is plain that it is not for the interest of this State to employ a man of high scientific attainments, like Dr. L. L. Hubbard, to study the copper range, and then by neglecting to publish his studies goad him into resigning

and taking the management of a private corporation, which will thus get the benefit of what was meant for mankind. We understand that he has accepted a position as general manager of a copper range company, which at present market prices is worth about five million. The State of Michigan might, we think, without inequity, follow the example of southern states like Alabama, Missouri and Georgia, and devote more money than it does to the work of this survey.

There is much yet to be learned about the oil, gas, salt, marl, clay, lime, plaster and coal in the lower peninsula, the gold, silver, iron and copper of the upper. But whether this be so or not can best be told by extending the usefulness and getting the benefit of the work already done by publishing it; and to this end we recommend that the work of the survey be continued as heretofore, and that the bill we have introduced, providing for the publication of this work be promptly passed. When this publication is in our hands we can better determine how much more of the same kind we want.

FRANK C. WELLS,
Chairman.

Report accepted.

By the committee on Liquor Traffic:

The committee on Liquor Traffic, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 4 (file No. 7), entitled

A bill to amend sections 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 9, 13, 14, 15 and 16 of act No. 207 of the public acts of 1889 and to add a new section to stand as section 25, and to repeal section 7 of said act No. 207 of the public acts of 1889, entitled "An act to prohibit the manufacture, sale, keeping for sale, giving away or furnishing of vinous, malt, brewed, fermented, spirituous or intoxicating liquors, or any mixed liquor or beverage any part of which is intoxicating, and to prohibit the keeping of any saloon or other place for the manufacture, sale, storing for sale, giving away or furnishing of such liquors or beverages, and to suspend the general laws of the State relative to the taxation and regulation of the manufacture and sale of such liquors in the several counties of this State under certain circumstances; to authorize the qualified electors of the several counties of this State to express their will in regard to such prohibition by an election, and to authorize and empower the board of supervisors of the several counties, after such election, if they shall determine the result to be in favor of such prohibition, to prohibit the manufacture, sale, keeping for sale, giving away or furnishing of any such liquors, or the keeping of a saloon or any other place for the manufacture, sale, storing for sale, giving away or furnishing of the same in their respective counties; and to provide for penalties and rights of action in case of its violation."

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

N. W. BURDICK,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on Local Taxation:

The committee on Local Taxation, to whom was referred

House joint resolution No. 962, entitled

Joint resolution to provide for the retirement of certain outstanding part paid bonds.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

R. ALWARD,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The joint resolution was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on Local Taxation:

The committee on Local Taxation, to whom was referred

House bill No. 429, entitled

A bill to provide for the assessment of property and the making and extending of the township tax roll in the township of Springwells, in the county of Wayne, and the delivery of such township tax roll to the township treasurer and the collection of the taxes levied therein.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House with amendments thereto, recommending that the amendments be concurred in, and that the bill when so amended do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

R. ALWARD,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The question being on concurring in the amendment made by the committee to the bill,

The House concurred.

Pending the order that the bill be printed, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order,

On motion of Mr. Bryan,

The rules were suspended, two-thirds of all the members present voting therefor, and the bill was put upon its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Aldrich

Alward

Anderson

Babcock

Baumgärtner

Brownell

Bryan

Burch

Mr. Goodell

Goodrich

Gray

Hammond

Handy

Hart

Hatzenbuehler

Heck

Mr. Murphy

Nash

Nevins

Niedermeier

Pack

Pearson

Phillips

Randall

Mr. Burdick	Mr. Heineman	Mr. Read, J. H.
Buskirk	Herrig	Reed, G. W.
Caldwell	Howell	Reed, W. A.
Chamberlain	Keep	Schmidt
Chandler	Kelly	Shepherd
Colby	Kerr	Stewart
Collins	Laflamboy	Stumpenhusen
Colvin	Locher	Sutherland
Crosby	Lugers	Taziman
Davis	Lusk	Van Camp
Dickinson	McCall	Watters
Dingley	McKay	Weier
Doyle	McLean	Wells
Dudley	McLeod	Wheeler
Eikhoff	Mason	Wing
Fleischhauer	Miller	Woodruff
Gillam	Murdoch	Speaker
Gillette		

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NAYS.

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Bryan,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

By the committee on General Taxation:

The committee on General Taxation, to whom was referred

House bill No. 601, entitled

A bill to amend act 206 of the public acts of 1893, being "An act to provide for the assessment of property, and the levy and collection of taxes thereon, and for the collection of taxes heretofore and hereafter levied; making such taxes a lien on the lands taxed, establishing and continuing such lien, providing for the sale and conveyance of lands delinquent for taxes, and for the inspection and disposition of lands bid off to the State and not redeemed or purchased; and to repeal act No. 200 of the public acts of 1891, and all other acts and parts of acts in anywise contravening any of the provisions of this act," by adding one section to be known as section 144 of said act.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House with the accompanying substitute therefor, entitled

A bill to amend act 206 of the public acts of 1893, being "An act to provide for the assessment of property, and the levy and collection of taxes thereon, and for the collection of taxes heretofore and hereafter levied; making such taxes a lien on the lands taxed, establishing and continuing such lien, providing for the sale and conveyance of lands delinquent for taxes, and for the inspection and disposition of lands bid off to the State and not redeemed or purchased, and to repeal act No. 200 of the public acts of 1891, and all other acts and parts of acts in anywise contravening any of the provisions of this act," by adding one section to be known as section 144 of said act, providing that in actions to set aside tax sales or taxes the Auditor General shall be made a party.

Recommending that the substitute be concurred in, and that the substitute do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

H. J. DUDLEY,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The question being on concurring in the substitute reported for the bill, by the committee,

The House concurred.

The bill was then ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on General Taxation:

The committee on General Taxation, to whom was referred

House bill No. 87 (file No. 39), entitled

A bill to amend section 47 of act 206 of the public acts of 1893, being "An act to provide for the assessment of property and the levy and collection of taxes thereon, and for the collection of taxes heretofore and hereafter levied, making such taxes a lien on the lands taxed, establishing and continuing such lien, providing for the sale and conveyance of lands delinquent for taxes, and for the inspection and disposition of lands bid off to the State and not redeemed or purchased, and to repeal act No. 200 of the public acts of 1891, and all other acts and parts of acts in anywise contravening any of the provisions of this act."

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House with amendments thereto, recommending that the amendments be concurred in, and that the bill when so amended do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

H. J. DUDLEY,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The question being on concurring in the amendment made by the committee to the bill,

The House concurred.

The bill was then referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on General Taxation:

The committee on General Taxation, to whom was referred

House bill No. 57 (file No. 14), entitled

A bill to provide for the taxation of incomes.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House and recommend that the bill be referred to the committee on Revision and Amendment of Statutes.

H. J. DUDLEY,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The question being on concurring in the request made by the committee for the reference of the bill to the committee on Revision and Amendment of the Statutes,

The House concurred, and the bill was so referred.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR.

The Speaker announced the following:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Lansing, March 20, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I have this day approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State,

House bill No. 370, being

An act to authorize the city of Cheboygan to borrow money for the purpose of making public improvements in and purchasing land for parks for said city and to issue its bonds for the payment of same.

Respectfully,
H. S. PINGREE,
Governor.

The message was ordered spread on the Journal.

The Speaker also announced the following:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Lansing, March 20, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I have this day approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State,

House bill No. 158, being

An act to amend section 6 of act No. 304, session laws of 1887, entitled "An act to provide a general law under which corporations may be formed to carry on printing, publishing and book-making, and any or either of them," approved June 28, 1887, being compiler's section 4205f, of chapter 129a, of volume 3 of Howell's annotated statutes of the State of Michigan.

Respectfully,
H. S. PINGREE,
Governor.

The message was ordered spread on the Journal.

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.

The Speaker announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing March 20, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House the following bill:

House bill No. 83, entitled

A bill to amend act No. 428 of the local acts of the year 1897, being an act entitled "An act providing for the appointment, fixing the compensation and defining the duties of stenographer for the probate court for the county of Lapeer, and for the taking and transcribing of testimony on examination of persons charged with criminal offenses in the county of Lapeer," approved May 7, 1897.

In the passage of which the Senate has concurred by a majority vote

of all the Senators elect, and by a vote of two-thirds elect has ordered the same to take immediate effect.

Very respectfully

CHARLES

SECRETARY

On motion of Mr. McKay,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect to take immediate effect.

The bill was referred for enrollment and present under the rules.

The Speaker also announced the following:

LANS

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed by the Senate to return the following bill:

House bill No. 224, entitled

A bill to vacate the village of Chase, in the county of

In the passage of which the Senate has concurred of all the Senators elect, and by a vote of two-thirds elect has ordered the same to take immediate effect.

Very respectfully

CHARLES

SECRETARY

The bill was referred for enrollment and present under the rules.

The Speaker also announced the following:

LANS

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed by the Senate to return the following bill:

House bill No. 484, entitled

A bill to amend section No. 75 of act No. 53 of 1859, entitled "An act to incorporate the city of Berkeley, California," approved February 3, 1859, as revised and amended by the Senate and amendatory thereof, approved April 9, 1887, act No. 384 of the session laws of 1889, approved March 1, 1891, and as amended by act No. 312 of the session laws of 1891, approved March 22, 1893, and as amended by act No. 2 of the session laws of 1895, approved May 17, 1895, and as amended by act No. 1 of the session laws of 1897, approved March 24, 1897.

In the passage of which the Senate has concurred of all the Senators elect, by a vote of two-thirds elect has ordered the same to take immediate effect.

Very respectfully

CHARLES

SECRETARY

The bill was referred for enrollment and present under the rules.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, March 20, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House the following bill:

House bill No. 1128, entitled

A bill to detach certain territory from the townships of Dafter, Rudyard and Pickford, in the county of Chippewa, and State of Michigan, and to organize the township of Kinross, in said county.

In the passage of which the Senate has concurred by a majority vote of all the Senators elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect has ordered the same to take immediate effect.

Very respectfully,

CHARLES S. PIERCE,
Secretary of the Senate.

The bill was referred for enrollment and presentation to the Governor, under the rules.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, March 20, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed by the Senate respectfully to request the retransmission to the Senate from the House of

House bill No. 284, entitled

A bill to repeal act No. 382 of the local acts of 1881, approved May 12, 1881, entitled "An act to reincorporate the village of Carrollton, in the county of Saginaw," and to provide for the disposition to be made of the property, and the payment of the liabilities of the said village of Carrollton, and to repeal all acts and parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act.

Very respectfully,

CHARLES S. PIERCE,
Secretary of the Senate.

The question being on complying with the request of the Senate for the return of the bill,

Mr. Herrig moved that the clerk be discharged from the further enrollment of the bill, and that it be returned to the Senate in accordance with the request therefor.

Which motion prevailed.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, March 20, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House the following concurrent resolution:

Whereas, The press of this morning informs us that our distinguished fellow citizen of Michigan, Secretary of War Russell A. Alger, contemplates visiting Michigan early in the month of May; and also that there

is a possibility that President McKinley may accompany him; therefore be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That the Legislature of the State of Michigan, in biennial session assembled, hereby cordially invites our distinguished citizen, the Secretary of War, to visit the Legislature at Lansing, and in terms of the most cordial character also invites the President of the United States to accompany him and receive at the hands of the Legislature and the people of the State of Michigan the renewed expressions of confidence and esteem that have been accorded him on previous visits.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded by the officers of both Houses to President McKinley and General Alger.

In the adoption of which the Senate has concurred.

Very respectfully,

CHARLES S. PIERCE,
Secretary of the Senate.

The resolution was referred for enrollment under the rules.

THIRD READING OF BILLS.

Senate bill No. 30 (file No. 34), entitled

A bill to amend section 100 of the charter of the city of Ann Arbor.

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Aldrich	Mr. Goodrich	Mr. Nevins
Alward	Goodyear	Niedermeier
Anderson	Gray	Pack
Babcock	Hammond	Pearson
Baumgaertner	Handy	Phillips
Brownell	Hart	Randall
Burch	Hatzenbuehler	Read, J. H.
Buskirk	Heck	Reed, G. W.
Caldwell	Heineman	Reed, W. A.
Chamberlain	Howell	Schmidt
Chandler	Keep	Shepherd
Collins	Kelly	Stewart
Colvin	Kerr	Stumpfenhusen
Crosby	Lafamboy	Sutherland
Davis	Locher	Tazlman
Dickinson	Lugers	Van Camp
Dingley	McKay	Watters
Doyle	McLean	Weier
Dudley	McLeod	Wells
Eikhoff	Mason	Wheeler
Fleischhauer	Miller	Wing
Gillam	Murdoch	Woodruff
Gillette	Murphy	Speaker
Goodell		

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NAYS.

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Wheeler,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

House bill No. 843 (file No. 83), entitled

A bill to fix the salary of the chief of the corporation division of the Department of State.

The bill was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Aldrich	Mr. Goodell	Mr. Nash
Alward	Goodrich	Nevins
Anderson	Gray	Niedermeier
Babcock	Hammond	Pack
Baumgærtner	Handy	Pearson
Brownell	Hart	Phillips
Bryan	Heck	Randall
Burch	Heineman	Read, J. H.
Buskirk	Howell	Reed, G. W.
Caldwell	Keep	Reed, W. A.
Chamberlain	Kelly	Schmidt
Chandler	Kerr	Shepherd
Collins	Lafamboy	Stewart
Colvin	Locher	Stumpenhusen
Crosby	Lugers	Sutherland
Dickinson	Lusk	Taziman
Dingley	McKay	Van Camp
Doyle	McLean	Watters
Dudley	Mason	Weier
Eikhoff	Miller	Wells
Fleischhauer	Moore	Woodruff
Gillam	Murdoch	Speaker
Gillette	Murphy	

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NAYS.

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Chamberlain,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

House bill No. 152 (file No. 88), entitled

A bill declaring the solicitation, teaching, advocacy, or the persuasion to polygamy a felony.

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Aldrich	Mr. Gray	Mr. Murphy
Alward	Hammond	Nash

Mr. Anderson	Mr. Handy	Mr. Nevins
Babcock	Hart	Niedermeier
Baumgärtner	Heck	Pack
Brownell	Heineman	Pearson
Bryan	Herrig	Phillips
Burch	Howell	Randall
Burdick	Keep	Reed, W. A.
Buskirk	Kelly	Schmidt
Caldwell	Kerr	Shepherd
Chamberlain	Laflamboy	Stewart
Collins	Locher	Stumpenhusen
Colvin	Lugers	Sutherland
Dingley	Lusk	Taziman
Doyle	McCall	Van Camp
Dudley	McKay	Watters
Eikhoff	McLean	Weier
Gillam	McLeod	Wells
Gillette	Mason	Wheeler
Goodell	Miller	Woodruff
Goodyear	Murdoch	Speaker

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NAYS.

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Title agreed to.

House bill No. 1015 (file No. 90), entitled

A bill to amend sections 5 and 47 of act No. 190 of the public acts of 1891, entitled "An act to prescribe the manner of conducting and to prevent fraud and (deception) deceptions at elections in this State," and to repeal all acts and parts of acts contravening the provisions of this act.

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Aldrich	Mr. Hammond	Mr. Nevins
Alward	Handy	Niedermeier
Anderson	Hart	Pack
Babcock	Heck	Phillips
Baumgärtner	Heineman	Randall
Brownell	Herrig	Read, J. H.
Bryan	Howell	Reed, G. W.
Burch	Keep	Reed, W. A.
Burdick	Kelly	Schmidt
Caldwell	Kerr	Shepherd
Chamberlain	Laflamboy	Stewart
Chandler	Locher	Stumpenhusen
Collins	Lugers	Sutherland
Colvin	Lusk	Taziman
Dingley	McCall	Van Camp
Doyle	McKay	Watters
Dudley	McLean	Weier

Mr. Eikhoff
Fleischhauer
Gillette
Goodell
Goodyear
Gray

Mr. McLeod
Mason
Miller
Moore
Murphy
Nash

Mr. Wells
Wheeler
Wing
Woodruff
Speaker

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NAYS.

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. McLeod,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

House bill No. 103 (file No. 98), entitled

A bill to repeal act No. 198 of the public acts of 1897, entitled "An act to create a board of commissioners for the purpose of securing for use in certain of the common or primary schools of the State of Michigan a uniform series of text-books, to fix the maximum price to be charged for said books and to make an appropriation for carrying out the provisions of this act."

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Aldrich
Alward
Anderson
Babcock
Baumgaertner
Brownell
Bryan
Burch
Burdick
Caldwell
Chamberlain
Chandler
Colvin
Crosby
Dickinson
Dingley
Doyle
Dudley
Eikhoff
Fleischhauer
Gillam
Gillette
Goddell

Mr. Goodrich
Goodyear
Gray
Hammond
Handy
Hart
Hatzenbuehler
Heck
Heineman
Herrig
Howell
Kelly
Kerr
Lafamboy
Locher
Lugers
McCall
McCallum
McKay
McLean
McLeod
Miller
Moore

Mr. Murphy
Nash
Niedermeier
Pack
Pearson
Phillips
Randall
Read, J. H.
Reed, G. W.
Schmidt
Shepherd
Stumpenhuisen
Sutherland
Taziman
Van Camp
Watters
Wayne
Weier
Wells
Wheeler
Wing
Woodruff
Speaker

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NAYS.

Mr. Keep

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Chamberlain,
By a vote of two-thirds of all the members el
take immediate effect.

House bill No. 290 (file No. 73), entitled

A bill to amend section 1 of act No. 396 of
1895, entitled "An act to provide for the or
school district in the townships of Brady and (Saginaw, and in the townships of New Have:
of Shiawassee, State of Michigan, to be kno
School District."

Was read a third time and passed, a majorit
voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follow:

YEAS.

Mr. Aldrich	Mr. Gray
Alward	Hammond
Babcock	Handy
Baumgaertner	Hart
Brownell	Hatzenbuhler
Burch	Heck
Burdick	Heineman
Buskirk	Howell
Caldwell	Keep
Chamberlain	Laflamboy
Chandler	Locher
Crosby	Lugers
Dickinson	Lusk
Dingley	McCall
Doyle	McCallum
Dudley	McKay
Eikhoff	McLean
Fleischhauer	McLeod
Gillam	Mason
Gillette	Moore
Goodell	Murdoch
Goodrich	Murphy
Goodyear	Nash

NAYS.

Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Mason,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members el
take immediate effect.

House bill No. 978 (file No. 97), entitled

A bill to amend section 18 of an act entitl
the assessment of property and the levy and c
and for the collection of taxes heretofore and
such taxes a lien on the lands taxed, establis
lien, providing for the sale and conveyance of

and for the inspection and disposition of lands bid off to the State and not redeemed or purchased; and to repeal act No. 200 of the public acts of 1891 and all other acts and parts of acts in anywise contravening any of the provisions of this act," approved June 1, 1893.

Was read a third time, and pending the taking of the vote on the passage thereof,

Mr. Dingley moved to amend the bill

1. By striking out of line 41 of section 18 the word "assessment" and inserting the word "assessing" in lieu thereof.

2. By striking out of line 54 of section 18 the word "assessment" and inserting in lieu thereof the word "assessing."

3. By striking out of lines 62, 63, 64 and 65 of section 16 all after the word "inventory" in line 62, to and including the words "sell the same" in line 65, and inserting in lieu thereof the words "and such true cash value whenever used in this act shall be held to mean the usual selling price at the place where the property to which the term is applied shall be at the time of the assessment, being the price which could be obtained at private sale and not at forced or auction sale."

4. By inserting in line 70 of section 18, after the word "shall" the word "wilfully."

Which motion prevailed, two-thirds of all the members present voting therefor.

Mr. Gray moved to amend the bill by striking out of line 71 of section 18 the word "taxpayer" and inserting the words "owner of taxable property."

Which motion prevailed, two-thirds of all the members present voting therefor.

Mr. Murdoch moved to amend the bill by striking out of section 18 all after the word "person" in line 70.

Pending which,

Mr. Stewart moved that the bill be referred to the committee on Judiciary.

Pending which,

Mr. Dudley moved that the bill be re-referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order.

Which motion did not prevail.

The motion that the bill be referred to the committee on Judiciary then prevailed.

House bill No. 180 (file No. 75), entitled

A bill to amend an act entitled "An act to provide for the incorporation of villages within the State of Michigan, and defining their powers and duties," approved February 19, 1895.

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Aldrich

Alward

Anderson

Baumgaertner

Brownell

Mr. Goodyear

Gray

Hammon

Handy

Hatzenbuehler

Mr. Murphy

Nevins

Pack

Pearson

Phillips

Mr. Bryan	Mr. Heck	Mr. Randall
Burch	Heineman	Read, J. H.
Buskirk	Herrig	Reed, W. A.
Caldwell	Keep	Schmidt
Chamberlain	Kerr	Shepherd
Chandler	Kingott	Sutherland
Colby	Laflamboy	Sutherland
Crosby	Lugers	Taziman
Dickinson	McCallum	Van Camp
Doyle	McKay	Watters
Duff	McLeod	Weier
Eikhoff	Mason	Wells
Fleischhauer	Miller	Wing
Gillam	Moore	Woodruff
Goodell	Murdoch	Speaker
Goodrich		

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Mr. Hart Mr. Howell

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The question being on agreeing to the title,

Mr. Heineman moved to amend the title so as to read as follows:

A bill to amend chapter 8 of an act entitled "An act to provide for the incorporation of villages within the State of Michigan, and defining their powers and duties," approved February 19, 1895, by adding a section thereto to stand as section 22.

Which motion prevailed.

The title as amended was then agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Bryan,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

House bill No. 641 (file No. 99), entitled

A bill to amend section 7 of act No. 149 of the public acts of 1893, entitled "An act to provide for a county and township system of roads, and to prescribe the powers and duties of the officers having charge thereof," as amended by act No. 251 of the public acts of 1897.

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Aldrich	Mr. Hammond	Mr. Moore
Alward	Handy	Nash
Babcock	Hart	Nevins
Brownell	Hatzenbuehler	Pack
Bryan	Heck	Pearson
Burch	Heineman	Phillips
Buskirk	Herrig	Randall
Caldwell	Hofmeister	Read, J. H.
Chamberlain	Howell	Reed, G. W.
Chandler	Keep	Reed, W. A.

Mr. Colby	Mr. Kerr	Mr. Shepherd
Colvin	Kingott	Stewart
Crosby	Laflamboy	Stumpenhusen
Dickinson	Locher	Sutherland
Dingley	Lugers	Taziman
Doyle	Lusk	Van Camp
Dudley	McCall	Watters
Eikhoff	McCallum	Weier
Fleischhauer	McKay	Wells
Gillam	McLean	Wing
Gillette	McLeod	Woodruff
Goodrich	Mason	Speaker
Gray	Miller	

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Chandler,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

House bill No. 48 (file No. 77), entitled

A bill to amend section 4 of chapter 7 of act No. 3, session laws of 1895, entitled "An act to provide for the incorporation of villages within the State of Michigan and defining their powers and duties," being section 2772 of the compiled laws of 1897.

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Aldrich	Mr. Handy	Mr. Moore
Alward	Hart	Murphy
Babcock	Hatzenbuhler	Nash
Burch	Heck	Nevins
Buskirk	Heineman	Pack
Caldwell	Herrig	Pearson
Chamberlain	Hofmeister	Randall
Chandler	Howell	Read, J. H.
Colby	Keep	Reed, G. W.
Colvin	Kelly	Reed, W. A.
Crosby	Kerr	Schmidt
Dickinson	Kingott	Shepherd
Dingley	Laflamboy	Stewart
Doyle	Locher	Stumpenhusen
Dudley	Lugers	Sutherland
Eikhoff	Lusk	Taziman
Fleischhauer	McCallum	Van Camp
Gillam	McKay	Watters
Gillette	McLean	Weier
Goodrich	McLeod	Wells
Goodyear	Mason	Woodruff
Gray	Miller	Speaker
Hammond		

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Pearson,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

House bill No. 260 (file No. 86), entitled

A bill to amend section 9 of act No. 52 of the public acts of 1897, entitled "An act authorizing the incorporation of homes for aged, infirm or indigent men or women," approved March 26, 1897.

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Aldrich	Mr. Heineman	Mr. Pack
Alward	Herrig	Pearson
Babcock	Hofmeister	Phillips
Brownell	Howell	Randall
Burch	Keep	Read, J. H.
Buskirk	Kelly	Reed, G. W.
Caldwell	Kerr	Reed, W. A.
Chamberlain	Kingott	Schmidt
Chandler	Laflamboy	Shepherd
Dickinson	Locher	Stewart
Eikhoff	Lugers	Stumpenhuser
Fleischhauer	Lusk	Sutherland
Gillam	McCallum	Taziman
Gillette	McKay	Van Camp
Goodrich	McLean	Watters
Goodyear	McLeod	Weier
Gray	Mason	Wells
Hammond	Miller	Wheeler
Handy	Moore	Wing
Hart	Nash	Woodruff
Hatzenbuhler	Nevins	Speaker
Heck	Niedermeier	

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Title agreed to.

House bill No. 592 (file No. 91), entitled

A bill to repeal section 7 and to amend sections 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 of act No. 122 of the public acts of 1889, entitled "An act to provide for the publication and distribution of laws and documents, reports of the several officers, boards of officers and public institutions of this State, now or hereafter to be published, and to provide for the replacing of books lost by fire or otherwise, and to repeal all existing laws providing for the publication and distribution of said laws, documents and reports."

Was read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Aldrich	Mr. Handy	Mr. Nash
Alward	Hart	Nevins
Anderson	Hatzenbuhler	Niedermeier
Babcock	Heck	Pack
Brownell	Heineman	Pearson
Burch	Herrig	Phillips
Buskirk	Hofmeister	Randall
Caldwell	Howell	Read, J. H.
Chamberlain	Keep	Reed, G. W.
Chandler	Kerr	Reed, W. A.
Colby	Kingott	Schmidt
Collins	Locher	Shepherd
Dickinson	Lugers	Stewart
Dingley	Lusk	Stumpenhusen
Doyle	McCallum	Van Camp
Eikhoff	McKay	Watters
Fleischhauer	McLean	Weier
Gillam	McLeod	Wells
Gillette	Mason	Wheeler
Goodrich	Miller	Wing
Goodyear	Moore	Woodruff
Gray	Murdoch	Speaker
Hammond	Murphy	

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Alward,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

House bill No. 431 (file No. 100), entitled

A bill to amend section 1 of act No. 78 of the public acts of the State of Michigan for the year 1887, being an act entitled "An act to prevent persons from unlawfully using or wearing the badge of the Grand Army of the Republic in this State, or of the Loyal Legion of the United States," section 4859p of Howell's annotated statutes.

Was read a third time, and pending the taking of the vote on the passage thereof,

On motion of Mr. Stewart.

The bill was referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Gillam moved to take from the table,

House bill No. 453, entitled

A bill to authorize the city of Tawas City to issue bonds for public improvements.

Which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Gillam,

The bill was referred to the committee on Elections.

Mr. Alward moved to take from the table,
Senate bill No. 154, entitled

A bill to provide for the inspection of illuminating oils manufactured from petroleum or coal oils, and to repeal act No. 127, laws of 1879, as amended by act No. 49 of the laws of 1881, act No. 20, laws of 1883, act No. 71 of the laws of 1891, and act No. 94 of the laws of 1893.

Which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Alward,

The rules were suspended, two-thirds of all the members present voting therefor, and the bill was put upon its immediate passage.

The bill having been read a third time and the question being upon its passage, pending the taking of the vote thereon,

Mr. Phillips moved that the bill be ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

Pending which,

Mr. Gillam moved to amend the motion so as to order the bill printed in the Journal.

Which motion did not prevail.

The motion that the bill be printed and referred to the committee of the whole, did not then prevail.

The bill was then passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Aldrich	Mr. Gray	Mr. Nash
Alward	Hammond	Nevins
Anderson	Handy	Niedermeier
Babcock	Hart	Pack
Baumgärtner	Hatzenbuehler	Pearson
Brownell	Heineman	Randall
Burch	Herrig	Read, J. H.
Burdick	Hofmeister	Reed, G. W.
Buskirk	Howell	Reed, W. A.
Caldwell	Keep	Schmidt
Chamberlain	Kelly	Shepherd
Colby	Kerr	Stewart
Collins	Kingott	Stumpfenhusen
Colvin	Laflamboy	Sutherland
Crosby	Lusk	Van Camp
Davis	McCall	Watters
Dingley	McKay	Weier
Dudley	McLeod	Wells
Fleischhauer	Miller	Weter
Gillette	Moore	Wheeler
Goodell	Murdoch	Woodruff
Goodrich	Murphy	Speaker
Goodyear		

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Alward,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

Mr. Kelly offered the following:

Whereas, The question of beet sugar legislation is one of the most important matters coming before this Legislature; and

Whereas, The fullest information is desirable to enable an intelligent vote on the bills coming before this body; therefore be it

Resolved, That the committee on Private Corporations be requested to extend an invitation to the officers of the Michigan Sugar Company of Bay City, Michigan, to appear before said committee to answer such questions and give such information as the committee may deem wise and necessary as to the cost of production and manufacture of beet sugar.

Resolved further, That said committee are hereby authorized and empowered to subpoena persons and send for papers, and administer oaths and make such investigation of this subject as is necessary to determine the cost of producing and manufacturing beet sugar.

On the adoption of which,

Mr. Kelly demanded the yeas and nays.

The demand was seconded, and pending the calling of the roll,

Mr. G. W. Reed offered the following substitute for the resolution:

Whereas, There seems to be a desire of the members of the House to obtain from the beet sugar corporation of Bay City a statement of the profits they have made the past year; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Speaker of the House appoint a committee of three to go to Bay City and obtain of the Secretary of the corporation such facts as he has in his possession relative to the profits of beet sugar manufacturing there.

Pending discussion,

Mr. Dudley moved that the substitute do lie on the table.

Which motion prevailed, and

The original resolution went to the table therewith.

Mr. Stewart offered the following:

Whereas, It is a matter of common knowledge to the people of this State, as well as to the Legislature, that during the time in which the 31st regiment, Michigan State Volunteers, was stationed in the cities of Knoxville, Tenn., and Savannah, Ga., the officers and men of that regiment were the constant recipients of kindnesses, courtesies and expressions of good will from the people of those cities as well as the municipalities; therefore be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring). That the thanks, hearty and heartfelt, are hereby tendered by the Legislature of the State of Michigan, to the people and officers of the cities of Knoxville, Tenn., and Savannah, Ga., for the good will, fraternal feeling, courtesies and personal kindnesses shown to the officers and men of our 31st regiment, with the assurance that the people of this State will not be forgetful of the obligations which rest upon them in return therefor.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions, properly engrossed, and attested by the presiding officer and clerks of the two Houses, be forwarded, one to the mayor of the city of Knoxville, Tenn., and another to the mayor of Savannah, Ga.

Pending the order that the resolution lie over one
On motion of Mr. Stewart,
The rules were suspended, two-thirds of all the n
ing therefor, and the resolution was put upon its i
tion.

The resolution was then adopted.

By unanimous consent:

By the committee on Elections:

The committee on Elections, to whom was refer
House bill No. 453, entitled

A bill to authorize the city of Tawas City to iss
improvements.

Respectfully report that they have had the same
and have directed me to report the same back to the
companying substitute therefor, entitled

A bill to provide for the registration of electors i
tions in the city of Tawas City, Iosco county, Michig

Recommending that the substitute be concurred i
stitute do pass, and ask to be discharged from the f
of the subject.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The question being on concurring in the substit
bill, by the committee,

The House concurred.

Pending the order that the bill be printed, refer
of the whole and placed on the general order,

On motion of Mr. Gillam,

The rules were suspended, two-thirds of all the n
ing therefor, and the bill was put upon its immedi

The bill was then read a third time and passed, i
members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, a

YEAS.

Mr. Aldrich	Mr. Hart	Mr.
Alward	Hatzenbuhler	
Babcock	Heck	
Baumgærtner	Heineman	
Burch	Herrig	
Buskirk	Hofmeister	
Caldwell	Howell	
Chandler	Keep	
Colby	Kelly	
Collins	Kerr	
Colvin	Kingott	
Davis	Lafamboy	
Dickinson	Locher	
Dingley	Lugers	
Doyle	Lusk	
Dudley	McCallum	

Mr. Eikhoff
Fleischhauer
Gillam
Gillette
Goodrich
Goodyear
Gray
Hammond
Handy

Mr. McKay
McLean
McLeod
Mason
Miller
Moore
Murdoch
Murphy
Nash

Mr. Wayne
Weier
Wells
Weter
Wheeler
Wing
Wood
Speaker

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Gillam,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

Mr. Kelly moved to take from the table the following:

Whereas; The question of beet sugar legislation is one of the most important matters coming before this Legislature; and

Whereas, The fullest information is desirable to enable an intelligent vote on the bills coming before this body; therefore be it

Resolved, That the committee on Private Corporations be requested to extend an invitation to the officers of the Michigan Sugar Company of Bay City, Michigan, to appear before said committee to answer such questions and give such information as the committee may deem wise and necessary as to the cost of production and manufacture of beet sugar.

Resolved further, That said committee are hereby authorized and empowered to subpoena persons and send for papers and administer oaths and make such investigation of this subject as is necessary to determine the cost of producing and manufacturing beet sugar.

Which had gone to the table on a motion that the following substitute which was pending therefor, be laid on the table:

Whereas, There seems to be a desire of the members of the House to obtain from the beet sugar corporation of Bay City a statement of the profits they have made the past year; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Speaker of the House appoint a committee of three to go to Bay City and obtain of the secretary of the corporation such facts as he has in his possession relative to the profits of beet sugar manufacturing there.

On the motion that the resolution be taken from the table,

Mr. Kelly demanded the yeas and nays.

The demand was seconded, and

Pending the calling of the roll,

On motion of Mr. Alward,

The House adjourned.

{ REPRESENTATIVE HALL, LANSING,
{ Wednesday, March 22, 1899.

The House met pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Puffer.

Roll called: quorum present.

Absent without leave: Messrs. Burdick, Buskirk, Foster, Niedermeier, Pearson, Robinson, Soper, Wayne and Wells.

On motion of Mr. Van Camp,

Leave of absence was granted to all absentees for the day.

By unanimous consent:

Mr. Lusk offered the following:

Whereas, A committee of five gentlemen are in the city from Buffalo, N. Y., to present the cause of the Pan-American Exposition to be held in that city in 1901; therefore

Resolved, That the gentlemen of the committee be granted the privileges of the floor and that the House take a recess for 15 minutes to permit the Hon. J. C. Webber to present the plans of the exposition to the House.

Which was adopted, and

The Speaker announced a recess for 15 minutes.

AFTER RECESS.

The House was called to order by the Speaker.

By unanimous consent:

Mr. Crosby offered the following:

Whereas, The question of beet sugar legislation is one of the most important matters coming before this Legislature; and

Whereas, The fullest information is desirable to enable an intelligent vote on the bills coming before this body; therefore be it

Resolved, That the committee on Private Corporations be requested to extend an invitation to the officers of the Michigan Sugar Company of Bay City, Michigan, to appear before said committee to answer such questions and give such information as the committee may deem wise and necessary as to the cost of production and manufacture of beet sugar.

Resolved further, That said committee are hereby authorized and empowered to subpoena persons and send for papers, and administer oaths and make such investigation of this subject as is necessary to determine the cost of producing and manufacturing beet sugar.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution,

Pending discussion,

Mr. McCall demanded the yeas and nays.

The demand was seconded, and

Pending the calling of the roll,

Mr. Collins demanded the previous question.

The demand was seconded.

The question being shall the main question be now put,

The same was ordered.

The resolution was then not adopted by yeas and nays as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Aldrich	Mr. Duff	Mr. McCallum
Anderson	Eikhoff	McLeod
Burch	Fleischhauer	Moore
Burdick	Gillam	Pack
Burfoot	Gray	Reed, W. A.
Caldwell	Handy	Shepherd
Carton	Hatzenbuhler	Stewart
Chamberlain	Heineman	Stumpenhusen
Chandler	Howell	Taziman
Cheever	Keep	Watters
Colby	Kelly	Weter
Collins	Kerr	Wing
Crosby	Kingott	Speaker
Doyle	McCall	

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Mr. Alward	Mr. Hart	Mr. Nevins
Babcock	Heck	Pearson
Baumgaertner	Herrig	Phillips
Brownell	Hofmeister	Randall
Bryan	Laflamboy	Read, J. H.
Colvin	Locher	Reed, G. W.
Davis	Lugers	Schmidt
Dickinson	Lusk	Sutherland
Dingley	McKay	Van Camp
Dudley	McLean	Wayne
Gillette	Mason	Weier
Goodell	Miller	Wheeler
Goodrich	Murdoch	Wood
Goodyear	Murphy	Woodruff
Hammond	Nash	

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By unanimous consent:

Mr. Handy moved to take from the table,

House bill No. 780, entitled

A bill to provide for the election of the board of education in the school district of the township of Crystal Falls, Iron county, Michigan, in July.

Which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Handy,

The bill was referred to the committee on Elections.

By unanimous consent:

Mr. Handy moved to take from the table,

House bill No. 781, entitled

A bill to incorporate the city of Crystal Falls, in Iron county.

Which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Handy,

The bill was referred to the committee on City Corporations.

By unanimous consent:

Mr. Davis moved to take from the table,

House bill No. 725 (file No. 64), entitled

A bill to provide for the prevention and punishment of bicycle stealing.

Which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Davis,

The bill was placed on the order of third reading.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS.

No. 296. By Mr. Phillips: Petition of E. A. Chase and 40 others of Van Buren county, against change in game laws.

Referred to the committee on Fisheries and Game.

No. 297. By Mr. Taziman: Petition of members of West Handy Grange, Livingston county, asking for favorable legislation for the Agricultural College

Referred to the committee on Agricultural College.

No. 298. By Mr. Phillips: Petition of F. H. Ketchum and 95 other citizens of South Haven, asking for the passage of the Humphrey local option bill.

Referred to the committee on Liquor Traffic.

No. 299. By Mr. Phillips: Petition of B. A. Cummings and 12 other members of Paw Paw Grange for the erection of a woman's building at the Agricultural College.

Referred to the committee on Agricultural College.

No. 300. By Mr. Phillips: Petition of G. O. Merriam and 15 other members of Woodman Grange No. 610, for the erection of a woman's building at the Agricultural College.

Referred to the committee on Agricultural College.

No. 301. By Mr. Phillips: Petition of W. M. Thayer and 112 other residents of Van Buren county, against changes in the game laws.

Referred to the committee on Fisheries and Game.

No. 302. By Mr. Taziman. Petition of C. M. Wood and 30 others, members of Anderson Farmers' Club, protecting against the opening of saloons on holidays, and election days.

Referred to the committee on Liquor Traffic.

No. 303. By Mr. Taziman: Petition of Geo. B. Merrill and 22 others, asking for the repeal of the local law, act 27, public acts of 1891, preventing the spearing of fish in the inland waters of Livingston county.

No. 304. By Mr. Mason: Petition of Burns Grange, No. 160, asking for the enactment of the anti-color law.

Referred to the committee on State Affairs.

No. 305. By Mr. Gillette: Petition of Pipestone Grange, No. 194, asking for the enactment of the anti-color law.

Referred to the committee on State Affairs.

No. 306. By Mr. McLeod: Petition of Wm. L. January and 50 other citizens of Detroit, asking for the passage of the bill abolishing caucuses and conventions in the city of Detroit.

Referred to the committee on Elections.

No. 307. By Mr. McLeod: Petition of Hamilton B. Howard and 50 other citizens of Detroit, asking for the passage of the bill abolishing caucuses and conventions in the city of Detroit.

Referred to the committee on Elections.

No. 308. By Mr. Lugers: Petition of citizens of South Haven relative to the local option laws.

Referred to the committee on Liquor Traffic.

No. 309. By Mr. Lugers: Petition of citizens of South Haven relative to local option law.

Referred to the committee on Liquor Traffic.

No. 310. By Mr. Van Camp: Petition of Twelve Corners Grange, No. 700, asking for the enactment of the anti-color law.

Referred to the committee on State Affairs.

No. 311. By Mr. Howell: Petition of H. Holdridge and 30 other members of the Farmers' Union of Lenawee county, relative to the Agricultural College.

Referred to the committee on Agricultural College.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

By the committee on City Corporations:

The committee on City Corporations, to whom was referred

House bill No. 1011 (file No. 112), entitled

A bill to authorize the city of Detroit to construct, acquire, maintain and operate street railways.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, with the accompanying substitute therefor, entitled

A bill to authorize the city of Detroit to construct, acquire, maintain and operate street railways, and to construct extensions thereof.

Recommending that the substitute be concurred in, and that the substitute do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

P. HERRIG,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The question being on concurring in the substitute reported for the bill, by the committee,

The House concurred.

Pending the order that the bill be printed; referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order,

On motion of Mr. McLeod,

The rules were suspended, two-thirds of all the members present voting therefor, and the bill was put upon its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Aldrich
Alward
Babcock
Baumgaertner
Brownell
Bryan
Burch

Mr. Goodell
Goodrich
Goodyear
Gray
Hammond
Handy
Hart

Mr. Miller
Moore
Murdoch
Murphy
Nash
Niedermeier
Nevins

Mr. Burdick	Mr. Hatzenbuehler	Mr. Pack
Burfoot	Heck	Phillips
Caldwell	Heineman	Randall
Carton	Herrig	Reed, G. W.
Chamberlain	Hofmeister	Reed, W. A.
Chandler	Howell	Schmidt
Cheever	Keep	Shepherd
Colby	Kelly	Stumpenhusen
Collins	Kingott	Sutherland
Colvin	Laflamboy	Van Camp
Crosby	Locher	Watters
Davis	Lugers	Wayne
Dickinson	Lusk	Weier
Dingley	McCall	Weter
Doyle	McCallum	Wheeler
Duff	McKay	Wing
Elkhoff	McLean	Wood
Fleischhauer	McLeod	Woodruff
Gillam	Mason	Speaker
Gillette		

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. McLeod,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

By the committee on City Corporations:

The committee on City Corporations, to whom was referred

House bill No. 745, entitled

A bill to provide for the election of but one justice of the peace in the city of Muskegon, and to fill vacancies in said office, and to give to said city all the fines imposed by said justice, and the fees and earnings of said office, and to fix a salary for said justice, and to repeal all acts and parts of acts inconsistent with or contravening this act.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, with the accompanying substitute therefor, entitled

A bill to provide for the election of but one justice of the peace, and one associate justice of the peace, in the city of Muskegon, to fill vacancies in said offices, to give to said city certain fines imposed by said justices, and the fees and earnings of said officers; to fix the compensation of said justices, prescribe their powers and duties; to abolish and discontinue the offices of the present four justices of the peace in said city, and to repeal all acts and parts of acts inconsistent with or contravening this act.

Recommending that the substitute be concurred in, and that the substitute do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

P. HERRIG,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The question being on concurring in the substitute reported for the bill, by the committee,

The House concurred.

Pending the order that the bill be printed, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order,

On motion of Mr. Kelly,

The rules were suspended, two-thirds of all the members present voting therefor, and the bill was put upon its immediate passage.

YEAS.

Mr. Alward	Mr. Goodrich	Mr. Miller
Babcock	Goodyear	Moore
Baumgaertner	Gray	Murdoch
Brownell	Hammond	Murphy
Bryan	Handy	Nash
Burdick	Hart	Nevins
Burfoot	Hatzenbuehler	Niedermeier
Buskirk	Heck	Pack
Caldwell	Herrig	Phillips
Carton	Hofmeister	Randall
Chamberlain	Keep	Read, J. H.
Chandler	Kelly	Reed, W. A.
Collins	Kerr	Schmidt
Colvin	Kingotti	Stumpenhuisen
Davis	Laflamboy	Sutherland
Dickinson	Locher	Taziman
Dingley	Lugers	Van Camp
Doyle	Lusk	Watters
Dudley	McCall	Weier
Eikhoff	McCallum	Wheeler
Fleischhauer	McKay	Wood
Gillam	McLean	Speaker
Gillette	Mason	

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Kelly,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

By the committee on City Corporations:

The committee on City Corporations, to whom was referred House bill No. 781, entitled

A bill to incorporate the city of Crystal Falls, in Iron county.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, with the accompanying substitute therefor, entitled

A bill to incorporate the city of Crystal Falls, in Iron county.

Recommending that the substitute be concurred in, and that the sub-

stitute do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

P. HERRIG,
(Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The question being on concurring in the substitute reported for the bill, by the committee,

The House concurred.

Pending the order that the bill be printed, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order,

On motion of Mr. Handy,

The rules were suspended, two-thirds of all the members present voting therefor, and the bill was put upon its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Alward	Mr. Goodell	Mr. Miller
Babcock	Goodrich	Moore
Baumgärtner	Goodyear	Murdoch
Brownell	Gray	Murphy
Bryan	Hammond	Nash
Burdick	Handy	Nevins
Burfoot	Hart	Niedermeier
Buskirk	Hatzenbuhler	Paek
Caldwell	Heck	Phillips
Carton	Heineman	Randall
Chamberlain	Herrig	Read, J. H.
Chandler	Hofmeister	Reed, W. A.
Cheever	Keep	Stumpfenhusen
Colby	Kingott	Sutherland
Colvin	Laflamboy	Taziman
Davis	Locher	Van Camp
Dingley	Lugers	Watters
Doyle	Lusk	Weier
Dudley	McCall	Weter
Eikhoff	McCallum	Wood
Fleischhauer	McKay	Woodruff
Gillam	McLean	Speaker
Gillette	Mason	

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Handy.

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

By the committee on University:

The committee on University, to whom was referred

House bill No. 298, entitled

A bill to enable the Regents of the University of Michigan to receive

any money or other property for the ultimate use of the University, and invest the same in the best manner possible subject to the payment of the net income or any portion thereof derived therefrom to any specified person or persons then living during the life or lives of such person or persons.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

F. C. CHAMBERLAIN,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on Private Corporations:

The committee on Private Corporations, to whom was referred House bill No. 179, entitled

A bill to regulate the construction of the tracks of streets and inter-urban railways in highways, not included within the limits of the incorporated cities and villages of this State.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House with amendments thereto, recommending that the amendments be concurred in, and that the bill when so amended do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

L. H. McCALL,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The question being on concurring in the amendments made by the committee to the bill,

The House concurred.

The bill was then ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on Soldiers' Home:

The committee on Soldiers' Home, to whom was referred House bill No. 14, entitled

A bill to amend the title and sections 1, 4 and 8 and to repeal sections 2, 6 and 7 of act No. 212 of the session laws of 1893.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, with the accompanying substitute therefor, entitled

A bill to amend the title to and sections 1 and 8 and to spread sections 2, 6 and 7 of act 212 of the session laws of 1893, entitled "An act establishing a home for the soldiers, sailors and marines who served in the late civil war, their wives and mothers, and making appropriation for the erection and maintenance thereof," approved June 2, 1893.

Recommending that the substitute be concurred in, and that the substitute do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

D. JUDSON HAMMOND,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The question being on concurring in the substitute reported for the bill, by the committee,

The House concurred.

The bill was then ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on Fisheries and Game:

The committee on Fisheries and Game, to whom was referred

House bill No. 355 (file No. 95), entitled

A bill to provide for the salary of the State Game and Fish Warden, and for the appointment of a Chief Deputy Game and Fish Warden, and to prescribe his powers and duties.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, with amendments thereto, recommending that the amendments be concurred in, and that the bill, when so amended, do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

J. H. ANDERSON,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The question being on concurring in the amendments made by the committee to the bill,

The House concurred.

The bill was then referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on Fisheries and Game:

The committee on Fisheries and Game, to whom was referred

House bill No. 644, entitled

A bill to provide for the preservation of moose, elk and caribou, and to provide a penalty for their destruction.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, with amendments thereto, recommending that the amendments be concurred in, and that the bill, when so amended, do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

J. H. ANDERSON,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The question being on concurring in the amendments made by the committee to the bill,

The House concurred.

The bill was then ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on Agriculture:

The committee on Agriculture, to whom was referred

House bill No. 773, entitled

A bill to amend section 1 of act No. 145 of the public acts of 1887, entitled "An act to regulate the use of steam engines, steam wagons or other vehicles which are in whole or in part operated by steam, on the public highways of this State, and to prohibit the blowing of steam whistles upon the public highways of this State."

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration,

and have directed me to report the same back to the House, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

C. A. MILLER,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on Agriculture:

The committee on Agriculture, to whom was referred
House bill No. 390, entitled

A bill to amend sections 1 and 3 of act No. 280 of the public acts of 1887, entitled "An act to protect the owners and keepers of stallions," approved June 28, 1887, being sections 1621a and 1621c of Howell's annotated statutes of 1882.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

C. A. MILLER,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on Roads and Bridges:

The committee on Roads and Bridges, to whom was referred
House bill No. 874, entitled

A bill to amend section 7 of chapter 7 of act No. 3 of the public acts of 1895, entitled "An act to provide for the incorporation of villages within the State of Michigan, and defining their powers and duties," approved February 19, 1895.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

S. C. GOODYEAR,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on Roads and Bridges:

The committee on Roads and Bridges, to whom was referred
House bill No. 495, entitled

A bill to amend section 8 of act No. 185 of the session laws of 1867, entitled "An act to prevent animals from running at large in the public highways," being section 5612 of the compiled laws of 1897.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

S. C. GOODYEAR,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on Roads and Bridges:

The committee on Roads and Bridges, to whom was referred

House bill No. 309, entitled

A bill to reorganize the road districts in the townships of this State, and to fix the rate of assessment in said townships, and to prescribe the duties of the commissioner of highways, and fix his compensation therefor.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

S. C. GOODYEAR,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on State Affairs:

The committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred

House joint resolution No. 359, entitled

A joint resolution to provide for the relief of Thoms Allen.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House with amendments thereto, recommending that the amendments be concurred in, and that the bill, when so amended, do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

S. C. GOODYEAR,
Acting Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The question being on concurring in the amendments made by the committee to the joint resolution,

The House concurred.

The joint resolution was then ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on Judiciary:

The committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 56 (file No. 33), entitled

A bill to make the breaking and entering, or entering without breaking, any barn, granary or other out building, in the night time, with intent to commit the crime of murder, rape, robbery or any other felony or larceny, a felony, and to provide a penalty therefor.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

F. SHEPHERD,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on Judiciary:

The committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred

Joint resolution 153, entitled

Joint resolution proposing an amendment to section 28 of article 4, of the constitution of this State, relative to the limit of time for the introduction of bills in the Legislature.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, with the accompanying substitute therefor, entitled

Joint resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution of the State repealing section 28 of article 4 of such constitution, relative to the limit of time for the introduction of bills in the Legislature.

Recommending that the substitute be concurred in, and that the substitute do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

F. SHEPHERD,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The question being on concurring in the substitute reported for the joint resolution by the committee.

The House concurred.

The joint resolution was then ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on Judiciary.

The committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred

House bill No. 247, entitled

A bill to amend section 1 of chapter 94 of the revised statutes of 1846, entitled "Of criminal proceedings before justices of the peace," the same being section 1019 of the compiled laws of 1897.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

F. SHEPHERD,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on Judiciary:

The committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred

House bill No. 265, entitled

A bill to amend sections 111 and 118 of chapter 90 of the revised statutes of 1846 relative to process and proceedings of circuit courts in chancery upon bills for foreclosure or satisfaction of mortgages being sections 6701 and 6708 of Howell's annotated statutes.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

F. SHEPHERD,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on Towns and Counties:

The committee on Towns and Counties, to whom was referred

House bill No. 269, entitled

A bill to detach certain territory from the county of Delta and to attach the same to the county of Schoolcraft.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

C. A. HOFMEISTER,

Acting Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

Pending the order that the bill be printed, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order,

On motion of Mr. McCallum,

The rules were suspended, two-thirds of all the members present voting therefor, and the bill was put upon its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Aldrich	Mr. Hammond	Mr. Nash
Alward	Handy	Nevins
Baumgaertner	Hart	Niedermeier
Brownell	Hatzenbuehler	Pack
Bryan	Heck	Pearson
Buskirk	Heineman	Phillips
Caldwell	Herrig	Randall
Carton	Hofmeister	Read, J. H.
Chandler	Howell	Reed, W. A.
Cheever	Keep	Schmidt
Colby	Kerr	Shepherd
Colvin	Kingott	Stumpfenhusen
Davis	Lafamboy	Sutherland
Dingley	Locner	Taziman
Doyle	Lugers	Watters
Dudley	Lusk	Weier
Duff	McCall	Wells
Fleischhauer	McCallum	Weter
Gillam	McKay	Wheeler
Gillette	McLean	Wing
Goodell	McLeod	Wood
Goodrich	Miller	Woodruff
Goodyear	Moore	Speaker
Gray	Murdoch	

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. McCullum,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

By the committee on Towns and Counties:

The committee on Towns and Counties, to whom was referred House bill No. 912, entitled

A bill to enable the township of Grosse Pointe, in Wayne county, to lay out, operate and maintain a road or highway along the Detroit river bank and the shore of Lake St. Clair, in said township, and to regulate the uses of the same.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, with the accompanying substitute therefor, entitled

A bill to authorize and enable the township of Grosse Pointe, in Wayne county, to lay out, operate and maintain a broad road or boulevard along the bank of the Detroit river and the shore of Lake St. Clair, in said township, extending from the city limits of the city of Detroit to the westerly line of the Trombly avenue so called; to regulate the use thereof; and to provide for the cost and expense of opening and maintaining the same.

Recommending that the substitute be concurred in, and that the substitute do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

C. A. HOFMEISTER,
Acting Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The question being on concurring in the substitute reported for the bill, by the committee,

The House concurred.

Pending the order that the bill be printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order,

On motion of Mr. Bryan,

The rules were suspended, two-thirds of all the members present voting therefor, and the bill was put upon its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Alward	Mr. Goodrich	Mr. Nash
Babcock	Goodyear	Nevins
Baumgaertner	Hammond	Niedermeyer
Brownell	Handy	Pack
Bryan	Hart	Pearson
Burdick	Hatzenbuehler	Randall
Burfoot	Heck	Read, J. H.
Buskirk	Heineman	Reed, W. A.
Caldwell	Hofmeister	Schmidt
Carton	Keep	Shepherd
Chandler	Kerr	Stewart
Cheever	Kingott	Stumpfenhusen

Mr. Collins	Mr. Laflamboy	Mr. Sutherland
Colvin	Locher	Taziman
Davis	Lusk	Watters
Dickinson	McCallum	Weier
Dingley	McKay	Wells
Doyle	McLean	Weter
Dudley	Mason	Wheeler
Duff	Miller	Wing
Fleischhauer	Moore	Wood
Gillette	Murdoch	Woodruff
Goodell	Murphy	Speaker

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Bryan,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

By the committee on Drainage:

The committee on Drainage, to whom was referred

House bill No. 128, entitled

A bill to require owners of land in Saginaw county to clean out the creeks, streams and rivers running through or adjoining their farms.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, with amendments thereto, recommending that the amendments be concurred in, and that the bill when so amended do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

G. T. MASON,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The question being on concurring in the amendments made by the committee to the bill,

The House concurred.

The bill was then ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on Towns and Counties:

The committee on Towns and Counties, to whom was referred

House bill No. 534, entitled

A bill to provide for making the president of the village of Ontonagon, in the village of Ontonagon, a member ex officio of the board of supervisors of said county.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, without amendment, and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

C. A. HOFMEISTER,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

Pending the order that the bill be printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order,

On motion of Mr. Chamberlain,

The rules were suspended, two-thirds of all the members present voting therefor, and the bill was put upon its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Aldrich	Mr. Goodyear	Mr. Pack
Alward	Hammond	Pearson
Babcock	Handy	Phillips
Baumgaertner	Hart	Randall
Brownell	Hatzenbuhler	Read, J. H.
Burch	Heck	Reed, G. W.
Burdick	Heineman	Reed, W. A.
Burfoot	Hofmeister	Schmidt
Caldwell	Howell	Shepherd
Carton	Kerr	Stewart
Chamberlain	Laflamboy	Stumpenhusen
Chandler	Locher	Taziman
Cheever	Lugers	Watters
Colby	McKay	Wayne
Collins	McLean	Weier
Davis	Mason	Wells
Dingley	Miller	Weter
Doyle	Moore	Wheeler
Duff	Murdoch	Wing
Fleischhauer	Murphy	Wood
Gillam	Nash	Woodruff
Gillette	Nevins	Speaker
Goodrich	Niedermeir	

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Chamberlain,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

By the committee on Elections:

The committee on Elections, to whom was referred

House bill No. 780, entitled

A bill to provide for the election of the Board of Education, in the school district of the township of Crystal Falls, Iron county, Michigan, in July.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, with the accompanying substitute therefor, entitled

A bill to change the date for the holding of the annual election and school meeting for the township school district of the township of Crystal Falls, in Iron county.

Recommending that the substitute be concurred in, and that the substitute do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

S. T. HANDY,

Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The question being on concurring in the substitute reported for the bill, by the committee,

The House concurred.

Pending the order that the bill be printed, referred to the committee of the whole and placed on the general order,

On motion of Mr. Handy,

The rules were suspended, two-thirds of all the members present voting therefor, and the bill was put upon its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Aldrich	Mr. Hammond	Mr. Nevins
Alward	Handy	Niedermeier
Babcock	Hart	Pack
Brownell	Hatzenbuehler	Pearson
Bryan	Heck	Phillips
Burch	Heineman	Randall
Burdick	Hofmeister	Read, J. H.
Burfoot	Howell	Reed, G. W.
Buskirk	Keep	Reed, W. A.
Caldwell	Kerr	Schmidt
Carton	Kingott	Shepherd
Chandler	Lafamboy	Stewart
Cheever	Locher	Stumpenhuisen
Colby	Lugers	Taziman
Colvin	Lusk	Watters
Davis	McKay	Wayne
Dingley	McLean	Weier
Doyle	McLeod	Wells
Duff	Mason	Weter
Fleischhauer	Miller	Wheeler
Gillam	Moore	Wing
Gillette	Murdoch	Wood
Goodell	Murphy	Woodruff
Goodyear	Nash	Speaker

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Handy,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR.

The Speaker announced the following:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Lansing, March 21, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I have this day approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State,

House bill No. 452, being

An act to vacate the township of Beaver Lake in Ogemaw county, and to incorporate its territory within the adjoining township of Foster, in the county of Ogemaw.

Respectfully,
H. S. PINGREE,
Governor.

The message was ordered spread on the Journal.

The Speaker also announced the following:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Lansing, March 21, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I have this day approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State,

House bill No. 291, being

An act to vacate the townships of Glencoe and Yates, of Lake county, and to dispose of the territory comprised by the said townships.

Respectfully,
H. S. PINGREE,
Governor.

The message was ordered spread on the Journal.

The Speaker also announced the following:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Lansing, March 21, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I have this day approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State,

House bill No. 203, being

An act to amend section No. 5 of act No. 135 of the public acts of Michigan of 1895, entitled "An act to provide for the holding of primaries in cities of not less than 15,000 inhabitants and not over 150,000 inhabitants, and to punish frauds thereon, and by delegates elected thereat, and the corruption and attempted corruption of such delegates."

Respectfully,
H. S. PINGREE,
Governor.

The message was ordered spread on the Journal.

The Speaker also announced the following:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Lansing, March 21, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I have this day approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State,

House bill No. 1030, being

An act to amend section 2 of title 4, sections 8 and 9 of title 24, and sections 1 and 2 of title 30, of act No. 424, of the local acts of 1895, entitled "An act to incorporate the city of Traverse City," in the county of Grand Traverse, and to repeal all acts and parts of acts in conflict therewith.

Respectfully,

H. S. PINGREE,

Governor.

The message was ordered spread on the Journal.

The Speaker also announced the following:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,

Lansing, March 21, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I have this day approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State,

House bill No. 566, being

An act to authorize the township of Oliver, in the county of Huron and State of Michigan, to borrow money and issue bonds therefor, the proceeds of which are to be used to promote any public improvements in said township.

Respectfully,

H. S. PINGREE,

Governor.

The message was ordered spread on the Journal.

The Speaker also announced the following:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,

Lansing, March 21, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I have this day approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State,

House bill No. 755, being

An act to authorize the Board of Education of the city of Escanaba, county of Delta, and State of Michigan, to borrow money and issue bonds in the sum of \$15,000, to be used in the erection of a school building in the city, and in the purchase of a site therefor.

Respectfully,

H. S. PINGREE,

Governor.

The message was ordered spread on the Journal.

The Speaker also announced the following:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,

Lansing, March 21, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I have this day approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State,

House bill No. 233, being

An act to amend section 2 of chapter 20 of "An act relative to free

schools in the city of Detroit," approved February 24, 1869, and amended March 28, 1873, March 11, 1881, and June 8, 1883.

Respectfully,

H. S. PINGREE,

Governor.

The message was ordered spread on the Journal.

The Speaker also announced the following:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Lansing, March 21, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I have this day approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State,

House bill No. 539, being

An act to authorize the village of Fremont, in the county of Newaygo, to borrow money to construct public buildings and make public improvements in said village.

Respectfully,

H. S. PINGREE,

Governor.

The message was ordered spread on the Journal.

The Speaker also announced the following:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Lansing, March 21, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I have this day approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State,

House joint resolution No. 348, being

Joint resolution to authorize and instruct the Board of State Auditors to examine into, and if they deem it justifiable, to allow the claim of William T. Densmore for injuries sustained by him from a premature discharge of a cannon while engaged in the regular performance of his duty as a member of the Hudson Light Artillery Company, an organized volunteer militia company, organized under the laws of the State of Michigan, at Hudson, Michigan.

Respectfully,

H. S. PINGREE,

Governor.

The message was ordered spread on the Journal.

The Speaker also announced the following:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Lansing, March 21, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I have this day approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State,

House bill No. 607, being

An act to amend section 2 of act No. 308 of the session laws of 1879, entitled "An act to incorporate the city of Mt. Clemens and repeal act No.

307 of the session laws of 1875, approved April 8, 1875." as amended by act No. 308 of the local acts of 1881.

Respectfully,
H. S. PINGREE,
Governor.

The message was ordered spread on the Journal.

The Speaker also announced the following:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Lansing, March 21, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I have this day approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State,

House bill No. 322, being

An act to provide for an additional voting precinct in the township of Franklin, county of Houghton, to be known as voting precinct number three.

Respectfully,
H. S. PINGREE,
Governor.

The message was ordered spread on the Journal.

The Speaker also announced the following:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Lansing, March 21, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I have this day approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State,

House bill No. 329, being

An act to amend act No. 319 of the local acts of 1893, entitled "An act to allow the village of Ontonagon, in the county of Ontonagon, and State of Michigan, to borrow money and issue bonds in the sum of thirty thousand dollars to build water works and electric lighting plant," approved March 24, 1893, and to amend act No. 283 of the local acts of 1895, entitled "An act to allow the village of Ontonagon, in the county of Ontonagon and State of Michigan, to borrow money and issue bonds in the sum of twelve thousand dollars to extend its system of water works and to complete its lighting plant," approved February 13, 1895, and to repeal all acts and parts of acts contravening or conflicting with this act.

Respectfully,
H. S. PINGREE,
Governor.

The message was ordered spread on the Journal.

The Speaker also announced the following:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Lansing, March 21, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I have this day approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State,

House bill No. 123, being

An act to require township boards of Wayne and Washtenaw counties to make and publish annually an itemized statement of the condition of

the finances of the township in relation to the receipts and disbursements made by the township board, and to repeal all acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith.

Respectfully,
H. S. PINGREE,
Governor.

The message was ordered spread on the Journal.

The Speaker also announced the following:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Lansing, March 21, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I have this day approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State,

House bill No. 1049, being

An act to change the names of Charles Henry Sullivan, Lyda Sullivan and Harold Sullivan, to Charles Henry Evans, Lyda Evans and Harold Evans, respectively.

Respectfully,
H. S. PINGREE,
Governor.

The message was ordered spread on the Journal.

The Speaker also announced the following:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Lansing, March 21, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I have this day approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State,

House bill No. 321, being

An act to provide for an additional voting precinct in the township of Franklin, in the county of Houghton, to be known as voting precinct No. 4.

Respectfully,
H. S. PINGREE,
Governor.

The message was ordered spread on the Journal.

The Speaker also announced the following:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Lansing, March 21, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I have this day approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State,

House bill No. 770, being

An act to provide for the retirement of aged and disabled firemen and the payment of pensions to the wives and children of deceased firemen killed in the service of the city of Bay City.

Respectfully,
H. S. PINGREE,
Governor.

The message was ordered spread on the Journal.

The Speaker also announced the following:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Lansing, March 21, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I have this day approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State,

House bill No. 567, being

An act to authorize the village of Elkton, in the county of Huron, and State of Michigan, to borrow money and issue bonds therefor, the proceeds of which to be used to promote any public improvement in said village.

Respectfully,

H. S. PINGREE,
Governor.

The message was ordered spread on the Journal.

The Speaker also announced the following:

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
Lansing, March 21, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I have this day approved, signed and deposited in the office of the Secretary of State,

Concurrent resolution relative to the distribution of the compiled laws of 1897 to members of the Legislature.

Respectfully,

H. S. PINGREE,
Governor.

The message was ordered spread on the Journal.

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.

The Speaker announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, March 21, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House the following bill:

House bill No. 493, entitled

A bill to authorize the township of Carrollton, in the county of Saginaw, to borrow money on its faith and credit, and to use the same in the construction of a stone road on the highway known as the Carrollton road, in said township, from the point where the said Carrollton road intersects the main line of the Flint and Pere Marquette railroad, thence northerly along said highway to the south line of the township of Zilwaukee, and to empower said township to issue its bonds for the money so borrowed.

In the passage of which the Senate has concurred by a majority vote

of all the Senators elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect has ordered the same to take immediate effect.

Very respectfully,

CHARLES S. PIERCE,
Secretary of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Colvin,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

The bill was referred for enrollment and presentation to the Governor, under the rules.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, March 21, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House the following bill:

House bill No. 768, entitled

A bill to amend section 4 of act No. 448 of the local acts of 1897, entitled "An act to revise and amend act No. 346 of the local acts of 1881, entitled 'An act to revise an act to incorporate the city of Bay City,'" approved March 30, 1881, as amended and revised by the several acts amendatory and revisionary thereof.

In the passage of which the Senate has concurred by a majority vote of all the Senators elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect has ordered the same to take immediate effect.

Very respectfully,

CHARLES S. PIERCE,
Secretary of the Senate.

The bill was referred for enrollment and presentation to the Governor, under the rules.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, March 22, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House the following bill:

House bill No. 891, entitled

A bill to authorize the county of Saginaw to submit the question of issuing bonds to the qualified voters of said county, for the purpose of erecting an asylum for the care and maintenance of the insane.

In the passage of which the Senate has concurred by a majority vote of all the Senators elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect has ordered the same to take immediate effect.

Very respectfully,

CHARLES S. PIERCE,
Secretary of the Senate.

The bill was referred for enrollment and presentation to the Governor, under the rules.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, March 22, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House the following bill:

House bill No. 267, entitled

A bill to authorize the township of Burt, in Alger county, Michigan, to borrow money to be used in public improvements in and for the benefit of said township, and to issue bonds therefor.

In the passage of which the Senate has concurred by a majority vote of all the Senators elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect has ordered the same to take immediate effect.

Very respectfully,
CHARLES S. PIERCE,
Secretary of the Senate.

The bill was referred for enrollment and presentation to the Governor, under the rules.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, March 21, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House the following bill:

House bill No. 692, entitled

A bill to organize the union school district of the township of Hawes, in Alcona county.

In the passage of which the Senate has concurred by a majority vote of all the Senators elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect has ordered the same to take immediate effect.

Very respectfully,
CHARLES S. PIERCE,
Secretary of the Senate.

The bill was referred for enrollment and presentation to the Governor, under the rules.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, March 21, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed by the Senate to transmit to the House the following bill:

Senate bill No. 79 (file No. 42), entitled

A bill to revise the laws providing for the incorporation of Protestant Episcopal churches.

Which has passed the Senate by a majority vote of all the Senators elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect has been ordered to take immediate effect, and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,
CHARLES S. PIERCE,
Secretary of the Senate.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, March 21, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed by the Senate to transmit to the House the following bill:

Senate bill No. 462, entitled

A bill to reincorporate the First Universalist Society of Fairfield, Michigan, for the term of 30 years from September 5, 1894, and validating all acts of said society from September 5, 1894, to February 20, 1898.

Which has passed the Senate by a majority vote of all the Senators elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect has been ordered to take immediate effect, and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,
CHARLES S. PIERCE,
Secretary of the Senate.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Hart,

The rules were suspended, two-thirds of all the members present voting therefor, and the bill was put upon its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Alward	Mr. Goodyear	Mr. Pack
Babcock	Hammond	Phillips
Baumgaertner	Hart	Randall
Brownell	Heck	Read, J. H.
Burch	Heineman	Reed, G. W.
Burdick	Hofmeister	Reed, W. A.
Burfoot	Howell	Shepherd
Buskirk	Kerr	Stewart
Caldwell	Kingott	Stumpenhusen
Carton	Laflamboy	Sutherland
Cheever	Locher	Taziman
Collins	Lugers	Van Camp
Colvin	Lusk	Watters
Crosby	McCall	Wayne
Davis	McKay	Weier
Dickinson	McLean	Wells •
Dingley	Mason	Wayne
Doyle	Miller	Wheeler
Dudley	Moore •	Wing
Duff	Murdoch	Wood
Gillam	Nash	Woodruff

Mr. Gillette
Goodell

Mr. Nevins
Niedermeier

Speaker

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Hart,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

THIRD READING OF BILLS.

House bill No. 725 (file No. 64), entitled

A bill to provide for the prevention and punishment of bicycle stealing.

Was read a third time, and pending the taking of the vote on the passage thereof,

Mr. Davis moved to amend the bill by striking out all of section 1, and inserting the following in lieu thereof:

Section 1. That every person who shall steal any bicycle, of any value, or who shall receive, buy, conceal or aid in the concealment of any bicycle, knowing the same to have been stolen, shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by imprisonment in the State prison not more than five years, or by imprisonment in the county jail for a term not exceeding one year, or by a fine not exceeding \$250, or by both such fine and imprisonment, in the discretion of the court.

Which motion prevailed, two-thirds of all the members elect voting therefor.

The bill was then not passed, a majority of all the members elect not voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Burdick
Chamberlain
Chandler
Cheever
Colvin
Crosby
Davis
Dickinson
Dingley
Doyle
Dudley
Eikhoff
Fleischhauer
Gillam

Mr. Gillette
Hatzenbuehler
Heck
Heineman
Kelly
Kerr
Lafamboy
Locher
Lugers
Lusk
Mason
Miller
Murphy
Nash

Mr. Nevins
Pack
Randall
Read, J. H.
Schmidt
Shepherd
Stumpfenhusen
Sutherland
Taziman
Weier
Wells
Weter
Speaker

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Mr. Alward
Baumgaertner
Brownell

Mr. Hammond
Handy
Hart

Mr. Pearson
Phillips
Reed, W. A.

Mr. Burfoot	Mr. Howell	Mr. Van Camp	
Buskirk	Kingott	Watters	
Caldwell	McCall	Wayne	
Carton	McKay	Wheeler	
Colby	McLean	Wing	
Collins	Moore	Wood	
Goodell	Murdoch	Woodruff	
Goodyear	Niedermeier		32

Mr. Colby, moved to reconsider the vote by which the House refused to pass the bill.

Which motion prevailed.

The question being on the passage of the bill,

On motion of Mr. Colby,

The bill was laid on the table.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Cheever moved to take from the table,

Senate bill No. 9 (file No. 4), entitled

A bill to authorize the formation of corporations for intellectual, scientific, æsthetic, spiritual, liberal culture or inquiry, and to repeal an act entitled "An act to authorize the formation of associations for intellectual, scientific, æsthetic, spiritual, religious or liberal culture or inquiry," approved May 20, 1879, being chapter 147 of Howell's annotated statutes.

Which motion prevailed.

The question being on the passage of the bill,

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Alward	Mr. Handy	Mr. Pack
Brownell	Hart	Pearson
Burch	Heck	Phillips
Burdick	Howell	Randall
Burfoot	Keep	Read, J. H.
Buskirk	Kelly	Reed, G. W.
Caldwell	Kerr	Reed, W. A.
Carton	Kingott	Schmidt
Chamberlain	Lafamboy	Shepherd
Chandler	Locher	Stumpenhusen
Cheever	Lugers	Sutherland
Colby	McCall	Taziman
Collins	McCallum	Van Camp
Colvin	McKay	Watters
Crosby	McLean	Wayne
Davis	McLeod	Weier
Dickinson	Mason	Wells
Dingley	Miller	Weter
Doyle	Moore	Wheeler

Mr. Dingley	Mr. Murdoch	Mr. Wing
Duff	Murphy	Wood
Fleischhauer	Nash	Woodruff
Gillette	Nevins	Speaker
Hammond	Niedermeier	

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Cheever,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

Mr. Dingley moved to take from the table,

Senate joint resolution No. 513, entitled

Joint resolution for the publication, printing and binding of 10,000 copies of the history of Michigan organizations at Chickamauga, Ohattanooga and Missionary Ridge, written by Captain Charles E. Belknap, and to provide for the distribution of same.

Which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Dingley,

The rules were suspended, two-thirds of all the members present voting therefor, and the joint resolution was put upon its immediate passage.

The joint resolution was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Alward	Mr. Goodell	Mr. Moore
Baumgaertner	Goodyear	Murdoch
Brownell	Hammond	Murphy
Burdick	Handy	Nash
Burfoot	Hart	Nevins
Buskirk	Hatzenbuehler	Pearson
Caldwell	Heck	Phillips
Carton	Howell	Randall
Chamberlain	Keep	Reed, W. A.
Chandler	Kelly	Schmidt
Cheever	Kerr	Shepherd
Colby	Kingott	Sutherland
Collins	Laflamboy	Taziman
Colvin	Lugers	Van Camp
Crosby	Lusk	Watters
Davis	McCall	Weier
Dickinson	McCallum	Wells
Dingley	McKay	Weter
Doyle	McLean	Wing
Dudley	McLeod	Wood
Duff	Mason	Woodruff
Eikhoff	Miller	Speaker
Gillette		

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Dingley,
By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the joint resolution was ordered to take immediate effect.

The Speaker called the Speaker *pro tem.* to the chair.

Mr. Crosby moved to take from the table,

Senate bill No. 18 (file No. 14), entitled

A bill to provide for the purchase of books and equipments for the Michigan State Library and the Michigan traveling libraries.

Which motion prevailed.

The question being on the passage of the bill,

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Alward	Mr. Hammond	Mr. Nash
Baumgärtner	Handy	Nevins
Brownell	Hart	Niedermeier
Burdick	Hatzenbuehler	Pack
Burfoot	Heck	Pearson
Buskirk	Heineman	Phillips
Caldwell	Howell	Randall
Carton	Keep	Read, J. H.
Chamberlain	Kelly	Reed, G. W.
Chandler	Kingott	Reed, W. A.
Cheever	Lafamboy	Schmidt
Colby	Lugers	Stumpenhuisen
Colvin	Lusk	Sutherland
Crosby	McCall	Taziman
Davis	McCallum	Van Camp
Dickinson	McKay	Watters
Dingley	McLean	Weier
Doyle	McLeod	Wells
Dudley	Mason	Weter
Duff	Miller	Wheeler
Gillette	Moore	Wing
Goodell	Murdoch	Wood
Goodyear	Murphy	Speaker <i>pro tem.</i>

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Mr. Eikhoff

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Lusk,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

Mr. McLean moved to take from the table,

House bill No. 157, entitled

A bill to amend section 1 of an act entitled "An act to revise and amend act No. 346 of the local acts of 1881, entitled 'An act to revise an

act to incorporate the city of Bay City,' approved March 30, 1881, as amended and revised by the several acts amendatory and revisionary thereof," approved May 29, 1897.

Which motion prevailed.

The question being on concurring in a substitute reported by the Senate for the bill, said substitute having the following title:

A bill to amend act No. 448 of the local acts of 1897, entitled "An act to revise and amend act No. 346 of the local acts of 1881, entitled 'An act to revise an act to incorporate the city of Bay City,' approved March 13, 1881, as amended and revised by the several acts amendatory and revisionary thereof," approved May 29, 1897.

The House concurred, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Alward	Mr. Hart	Mr. Niedermeier
Baumgærtner	Hatzenbuhler	Pack
Brownell	Heck	Pearson
Burdick	Heineman	Phillips
Burfoot	Hofmeister	Randall
Buskirk	Howell	Read, J. H.
Caldwell	Keep	Reed, G. W.
Carton	Lafamboy	Reed, W. A.
Chamberlain	Locher	Schmidt
Chandler	Lugers	Stumpenhusen
Cheever	Lusk	Sutherland
Colby	McCall	Taziman
Collins	McCallum	Van Camp
Colvin	McKay	Watters
Davis	McLean	Wayne
Dickinson	McLeod	Weier
Dingley	Mason	Wells
Doyle	Miller	Weter
Duff	Moore	Wheeler
Gillette	Murdoch	Wing
Goodell	Murphy	Wood
Goodyear	Nash	Woodruff
Hammond	Nevins	Speaker <i>pro tem.</i>
Handy		
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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. McLean

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

The bill was referred for enrollment and presentation to the Governor, under the rules.

Mr. Burfoot moved to discharge the committee of the whole from the further consideration of

House bill No. 440, entitled

A bill to establish three chairs in the medical department of the University of Michigan to teach the principles and practices of eclecticism, physio-medicalism and healing without drugs.

Which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Burfoot,

The bill was referred to the committee on University.

Mr. Nevins offered the following:

Whereas, In years past, for reasons unknown to this House, it has taken from six to nine months to get the session laws of our State Legislature into the hands of different State, county and township officers in this State; and

Whereas, It is a common practice in our sister States to have their session laws in the hands of the people 60 and 90 days after their respective Legislatures adjourn; therefore

Resolved that this House (the Senate concurring). do hereby request the Secretary of State to cause the compiling and printing of the public acts passed by the present Legislature to be commenced and carried on as fast as sufficient material is at hand to set up and run off a form, and said Secretary of State shall have printed the statutory number of said forms as fast as compiled, and have them ready to bind at the close of this session at the earliest possible moment thereafter.

Be it further resolved, That in case the State Printer thinks he is unable to do the whole work as herein set forth, the Honorable Secretary of State is authorized to procure other help to assist in the printing and binding of said session laws.

Laid over one day under the rules.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Being the consideration of the following bill, which had fallen from the special order of March 21, by reason of adjournment:

House bill No. 114 (file No. 16), entitled

A bill to provide for the election, at primary elections, by a direct vote of the members of the various political parties, of all candidates of such parties for election to any and all public offices, the occupants of which now or hereafter shall be required by law to be elected at an April or November election, entirely by electors residing within Wayne county, which shall include all county, city, township, village and ward officers, circuit judges and judges of the recorder's court for the city of Detroit, members of Congress and of the State Legislature. And also for the election of delegates to political conventions and of members of committees of political parties, and to provide for regulating and protecting such primary elections and conventions and to punish offenses committed thereat and to repeal all acts or parts of acts conflicting with the provisions of this act.

Mr. Colby moved that the bill be made the special order for March 29, at 2:30 o'clock p. m.

Which motion prevailed, two-thirds of all the members present voting therefor.

GENERAL ORDER.

On motion of Mr. Pearson,

The House went into committee of the whole, on the general order.

Whereupon the Speaker pro tem. called Mr. Dickinson to the chair.

After some time spent therein, the committee rose, and through their chairman, made the following report:

The committee of the whole have had under consideration the following:

House bill No. 431 (file No. 100), entitled

A bill to amend section 1 of act No. 78 of the public acts of the State of Michigan for the year 1887, being an act entitled "An act to prevent persons from unlawfully using or wearing the badge of the Grand Army of the Republic in this State, or of the Loyal Legion of the United States," and being section 4859p of Howell's annotated statutes.

And have directed their chairman to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that it be referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

J. H. DICKINSON,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The question being on concurring in the recommendation of the committee relative to the bill,

The House concurred, and it was referred to the committee on Military Affairs.

The Speaker resumed the chair,

By unanimous consent:

Mr. Dudley offered the following:

Whereas, The question of beet sugar legislation is one of the most important matters coming before this Legislature; and

Whereas, The fullest information is desirable to enable an intelligent vote on the bills coming before this body; and

Whereas, The following telegram has been received, viz.:

Dated Bay City, March 22nd, 1899.

Hon. H. J. Dudley, Lansing, Michigan:

Telegram received. Cranage must have misunderstood Lusk, as he left yesterday for the west to fill business engagement made some time ago; doubtless be gone three weeks. Bradley leaves tonight to attend stockholders meeting Calcasieu Lumber Company, Calcasieu, Ia. This meeting has been adjourned once, cannot be adjourned again. Bradley must go. Bradley says he will return in about a week and that on his return will come to Lansing prepared to answer under oath such questions as may be desired and will submit books at Bay City for verification to any individual or committee that may be appointed. All parties regret situation, but do not see how it could have been avoided.

BAPTIST BURTON.

Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That permission be granted to the officers of the Michigan Sugar Company of Bay City, Michigan, to appear before the committee on State Affairs and Private Corporations, to answer such questions and give such information under oath, and submit books for verification of

their statements, as the committees may deem wise and necessary as to the cost of production and manufacture of beet sugar; be it

Resolved further, That such hearing be made public in Representative Hall, Thursday evening, March 30, at 8 o'clock.

Mr. McCallum moved that the resolution be amended by striking out the words "to answer such questions and give such information under oath, and submit books for verification of their statements, as the committee may deem wise and necessary," and inserting the following in lieu thereof: "And said committee are hereby authorized to subpoena witnesses, administer oaths and compel the officers of said company to produce its books and papers for examination as they may deem wise and necessary."

Which was adopted.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution, as amended,

Mr. Cheever demanded the previous question.

The demand was seconded.

The question then being shall the main question be now put,

Pending the ordering of the same,

On motion of Mr. Nevins,

The resolution was laid on the table.

By unanimous consent:

The Speaker announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, March 22, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House the following bill:

House bill No. 781, entitled

A bill to incorporate the city of Crystal Falls, in Iron county.

In the passage of which the Senate has concurred by a majority vote of all the Senators elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect has ordered the same to take immediate effect.

Very respectfully,

CHARLES S. PIERCE,
Secretary of the Senate.

The bill was referred for enrollment and presentation to the Governor, under the rules.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, March 22, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House the following bill:

House bill No. 745, entitled

A bill to provide for the election of but one justice of the peace and one associate justice of the peace, in the city of Muskegon; to fill vacancies in said offices; to give to said city certain fines imposed by said justices, and the fees and earnings of said offices; to fix the compensation of said justices, prescribe their powers and duties; to abolish and discontinue the offices of the present four justices of the peace in said city, and

to repeal all acts and parts of acts inconsistent with or contravening this act.

In the passage of which the Senate has concurred by a majority vote of all the Senators elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect has ordered the same to take immediate effect.

Very respectfully,

CHARLES S. PIERCE,

Secretary of the Senate.

The bill was referred for enrollment and presentation to the Governor. under the rules.

On motion of Mr. Hart,

The House adjourned.

{ REPRESENTATIVE HALL, LANSING,
Thursday, March 23, 1899.

The House met pursuant to adjournment and was called to order by the Speaker.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Stansfield.

Roll called: quorum present.

Absent without leave: Messrs. Foster, Robinson and Wayne.

On motion of Mr. Soper,

Leave of absence was granted to all absentees for the day.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS.

No. 312. By Mr. Soper: Petition of Windsor Grange No. 619, asking for appropriation for a woman's building at the Agricultural College.

Referred to the committee on Agricultural College.

No. 313. By Mr. Ligers: Petition of John Kollen and 19 others of Overisel, relative to the Humphrey local option law.

Referred to the committee on Liquor Traffic.

No. 314. By Mr. Soper: Petition of citizens of Grand Ledge relative to the local option law.

Referred to the committee on Liquor Traffic.

No. 315. By Mr. Soper: Petition of Windsor Grange No. 619, asking for the passage of the anti-color law.

Referred to the committee on State Affairs.

No. 316. By Mr. Shisler: Petition of Bowne Center Council P. of H. against the passage of the law regulating the practice of medicine in the State.

Referred to the committee on Public Health.

No. 317. By Mr. Shisler: Petition of Lowel District Council P. of H. favoring the anti-color bill.

Referred to the committee on State Affairs.

No. 318. By Mr. Shisler: Petition of Rev. O. Lash and 94 others, in favor of the Lyon bill prohibiting saloons within three miles of colleges.

Referred to the committee on Liquor Traffic.

No. 319. By Mr. Buskirk: Petition of citizens of Cheshire, relative to the Humphrey local option law.

Referred to the committee on Liquor Traffic.

No. 320. By Mr. Buskirk: Petition of citizens of Hopkins, relative to the Humphrey local option law.

Referred to the committee on Liquor Traffic.

No. 321. By Mr. Buskirk: Petition of citizens of Ganges, relative to the local option law.

Referred to the committee on Liquor Traffic.

No. 322. By Mr. Goodrich: Petition of Wheatland Grange No. 273, asking for the passage of the anti-color law.

Referred to the committee on State Affairs.

No. 323. By Mr. Goodrich: Petitions of citizens of Lenawee and Hillsdale counties relative to the county salary bill.

Referred to the committee on Towns and Counties.

No. 324. By Mr. Goodrich: Petition of Rev. J. W. Vichers and others, relative to the bill prohibiting saloons within three miles of colleges.

Referred to the committee on Liquor Traffic.

No. 325. By Mr. Murphy: Petition of David A. West and others, relative to the bill prohibiting saloons within three miles of colleges.

Referred to the committee on Liquor Traffic.

No. 326. By Mr. Murphy: Petition of B. F. Lewis and others, relative to the bill prohibiting saloons within three miles of colleges.

Referred to the committee on Liquor Traffic.

No. 327. By Mr. Waterbury: Petition of Farmington Grange No. 267, asking for the passage of the anti-color law.

Referred to the committee on State Affairs.

No. 328. By Mr. Waterbury: Petition of W. J. Morrison and others, relative to the bill prohibiting saloons within three miles of colleges.

Referred to the committee on Liquor Traffic.

No. 329. By Mr. Waterbury: Petition of Davisburg Grange No. 245, asking for the passage of the anti-color law.

Referred to the committee on State Affairs.

No. 330. By Mr. Wood: Petition of Percy Allen and others, asking that the beet sugar bounty law be not changed.

Referred to the committee on Private Corporations and State Affairs.

No. 331. By Mr. Babcock: Petition of Wm. S. Mowey and others, relative to legislation in behalf of the Agricultural College.

Referred to the committee on Agricultural College.

No. 332. By Mr. Murdoch: Petition of Colfax Grange No. 680, asking for the passage of the anti-color law.

Referred to the committee on State Affairs.

No. 333. By Mr. Hall: Petition of Alaiedon Grange No. 289, asking for the passage of the anti-color law.

Referred to the committee on State Affairs.

No. 334. By Mr. Hall: Petition of White Oak Grange No. 241, asking for the passage of the anti-color law.

Referred to the committee on State Affairs.

No. 335. By Mr. Hart: Petition of J. B. Witherell and others for the passage of the county salary bill.

Referred to the committee on Towns and Counties.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

By the committee on Ways and Means:

The committee on Ways and Means, to whom was referred
House bill No. 7 (file No. 82), entitled

A bill to promote the establishment and efficiency of free public libraries.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House with amendments thereto, recommending that the amendments be concurred in, and that the bill, when so amended, do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

GEO. L. LUSK,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The question being on concurring in the amendments made by the committee to the bill.

The House concurred.

The bill was then referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on Ways and Means:

The committee on Ways and Means, to whom was referred
House bill No. 451, entitled

A bill making an appropriation for promoting the horticultural interests of the State and the editing and compiling of the reports of the Michigan State Horticultural Society.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, without amendment and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

GEO. L. LUSK,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on Ways and Means:

The committee on Ways and Means, to whom was referred
House bill No. 96, entitled

A bill to provide for the erection of two detached buildings for patients, for the purchase of furniture and furnishings for the same, for enlargement of the bakery and for additional water supply at the Eastern Michigan Asylum, and making appropriation for the same.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to request of the House that the bill be printed for the use of the committee.

GEO. L. LUSK,
Chairman.

Report accepted.

The question being on ordering the bill printed for the use of the committee,

The House so ordered.

By the committee on Ways and Means:

The committee on Ways and Means, to whom was referred

House bill No. 572, entitled

A bill making appropriations for the Industrial School for Boys for the six months ending June 30, 1899, and the fiscal years ending June 30, 1900, and June 30, 1901.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to request of the House that the bill be printed for the use of the committee.

GEO. L. LUSK,
Chairman.

Report accepted.

The question being on ordering the bill printed for the use of the committee,

The House so ordered.

By the committee on Ways and Means:

The committee on Ways and Means, to whom was referred

House bill No. 637, entitled

A bill making appropriations for additional buildings at the Asylum for the Insane, located at Traverse City, Michigan, and known as the Northern Asylum for the Insane, for the furnishing and equipment of said buildings complete, the building of a fire-proof vault, the purchase and installation of an electric storage battery, and the purchase of forty acres additional land, all for said institution.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to request of the House that the bill be printed for the use of the committee.

GEO. L. LUSK,
Chairman.

Report accepted.

The question being on ordering the bill printed for the use of the committee,

The House so ordered.

By the committee on Ways and Means:

The committee on Ways and Means, to whom was referred

House bill No. 301, entitled

A bill making an appropriation for making improvements and furnishings for the Upper Peninsula Prison at Marquette.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to request of the House that the bill be printed for the use of the committee.

GEO. L. LUSK,
Chairman.

Report accepted.

The question being on ordering the bill printed for the use of the committee,

The House so ordered.

By the committee on Ways and Means:

The committee on Ways and Means, to whom was referred

House bill No. 12, entitled

A bill to make an appropriation to build and furnish a kitchen and dining room for the woman's building located upon the grounds of the Michigan Soldiers' Home.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to request of the House that the bill be printed for the use of the committee.

GEO. L. LUSK,
Chairman.

Report accepted.

The question being on ordering the bill printed for the use of the committee,

The House so ordered.

By the committee on Ways and Means:

The committee on Ways and Means, to whom was referred

House bill No. 13, entitled

A bill to make an appropriation to furnish new boilers to replace those now in use at the Michigan Soldiers' Home.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to request of the House that the bill be printed for the use of the committee.

GEO. L. LUSK,
Chairman.

Report accepted.

The question being on ordering the bill printed for the use of the committee,

The House so ordered.

By the committee on Ways and Means:

The committee on Ways and Means, to whom was referred

House bill No. 439, entitled

A bill to provide for the presentation of bronze medals to the soldiers and sailors from Michigan who enlisted and served in the Spanish-American war, and in certain cases to the relatives of such soldiers and sailors who perished in said service.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to request of the House that the bill be printed for the use of the committee.

GEO. L. LUSK,
Chairman.

Report accepted.

The question being on ordering the bill printed for the use of the committee,

The House so ordered.

By the committee on Ways and Means:

The committee on Ways and Means, to whom was referred

House bill No. 11, entitled

A bill making an appropriation for the current expenses of the Michigan Soldiers' Home, and for the home for widows, wives and mothers of soldiers, sailors and marines who served in the Mexican and late civil war, for the years 1899 and 1900.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration,

and have directed me to request of the House that the bill be printed for the use of the committee.

GEO. L. LUSK,
Chairman.

Report accepted.

The question being on ordering the bill printed for the use of the committee,

The House so ordered.

By the committee on Roads and Bridges:

The committee on Roads and Bridges, to whom was referred
House bill No. 951, entitled

A bill to establish the per diem of highway overseers.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, with amendments thereto, recommending that the amendments be concurred in, and that the bill, when so amended, do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

S. C. GOODYEAR,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The question being on concurring in the amendments made by the committee to the bill,

The House concurred.

The bill was then ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on State Affairs:

The committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred
House bill No. 444 (file No. 104), entitled

A bill to prevent and punish deception in the manufacture and sale of oleomargarine, process butter, imitation butter or butterine.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, with amendments thereto, recommending that the amendments be concurred in, and that the bill, when so amended, do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

HENRY L. WOOD,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The question being on concurring in the amendments made by the committee to the bill,

The House concurred.

The bill was then referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on Roads and Bridges:

The committee on Roads and Bridges, to whom was referred
House bill No. 950, entitled

A bill to protect and preserve for the public good shade trees along the public highways in the State of Michigan.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, with amendments thereto, recommending that the amendments be concurred in, and

that the bill, when so amended, do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

S. C. GOODYEAR,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The question being on concurring in the amendments made by the committee to the bill,

The House concurred.

The bill was then ordered printed, referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on Judiciary:

The committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 79 (file No. 42), entitled

A bill to revise the laws providing for the incorporation of Protestant Episcopal churches.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, without amendment and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

F. SHEPHERD,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on Private Corporations:

The committee on Private Corporations, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 60 (file No. 22), entitled

A bill to provide for records to be kept, and reports to be made by, and for the State supervision of societies, associations and organizations incorporated or which may hereafter be incorporated under the laws of this State, the whole or part of the business of which is to receive and maintain minor children in institutions, or place minor children in homes or indenture, by adoption or otherwise, and to provide for certain expenses in connection with such records, reports and State supervision.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, without amendment and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

L. H. McCALL,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on Private Corporations:

The committee on Private Corporations, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 57 (file No. 23), entitled

A bill to prohibit non-incorporated societies, associations, organizations or persons from receiving, maintaining or placing minor children in homes.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, without

amendment and recommend that it do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

L. H. McCALL,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The bill was referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By the committee on Private Corporations:

The committee on Private Corporations, to whom was referred

House bill No. 887 (file No. 57), entitled

A bill to amend section 1 of act No. 142 of the public acts of 1889, entitled "An act to provide for the reorganization of corporations for mining, smelting and manufacturing iron, copper, silver, mineral coal and other ores or minerals, the term of existence of which has heretofore expired or may hereafter expire by limitation and to fix the duties and liabilities of such renewed corporations."

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House with amendments thereto, recommending that the amendments be concurred in, and that the bill when so amended do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

L. H. McCALL,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The question being on concurring in the amendments made by the committee to the bill,

The House concurred.

The bill was then referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE.

The Speaker announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, March 22, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House the following concurrent resolution:

Whereas, It is a matter of common knowledge to the people of this State, as well as to the Legislature, that during the time in which the 31st regiment, Michigan State Volunteers, was stationed in the cities of Knoxville, Tenn., and Savannah, Ga., the officers and men of that regiment were the constant recipients of kindnesses, courtesies and expressions of good will from the people of those cities as well as the municipalities; therefore be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That the thanks, hearty and heartfelt, are hereby tendered by the Legislature of the State of Michigan, to the people and officers of the cities of Knoxville, Tenn., and Savannah, Ga., for the good will, fraternal feeling, courtesies and personal kindnesses shown to the officers and men of our 31st regiment, with the assurance that the people of this State

will not be forgetful of the obligations which rest upon them in return therefor.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions, properly engrossed, and attested by the presiding officers and clerks of the two Houses, be forwarded, one to the mayor of the city of Knoxville, Tenn., and another to the mayor of Savannah, Ga.

In the adoption of which the Senate has concurred.

Very respectfully,

CHARLES S. PIERCE,
Secretary of the Senate.

The concurrent resolution was referred for enrollment, under the rules.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, March 22, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House the following bill:

House bill No. 600, entitled

A bill to authorize and empower the Oak Grove Cemetery Association of Napoleon, in the county of Jackson, to transfer and convey the cemetery now owned and controlled by said association to the Board of Health of the township of Napoleon, to be used for maintaining a cemetery.

In the passage of which the Senate has concurred by a majority vote of all the Senators elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect has ordered the same to take immediate effect.

Very respectfully,

CHARLES S. PIERCE,
Secretary of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. W. A. Reed,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

The bill was referred for enrollment and presentation to the Governor, under the rules.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, March 22, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House the following bill:

House bill No. 453, entitled

A bill to provide for the registration of electors, and for holding elections in the city of Tawas City, Iosco county, Michigan.

In the passage of which the Senate has concurred by a majority vote of all the Senators elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect has ordered the same to take immediate effect.

Very respectfully,

CHARLES S. PIERCE,
Secretary of the Senate.

The bill was referred for enrollment and presentation to the Governor, under the rules.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, March 22, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed by the Senate to transmit to the House the following bill:

Senate bill No. 81, entitled

A bill to annex certain territory of the township of Portage, in the county of Houghton, in this State, to the village of Houghton.

Which has passed the Senate by a majority vote of all the Senators elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect has been ordered to take immediate effect, and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

CHARLES S. PIERCE,
Secretary of the Senate.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title and, pending its reference to a committee,

On motion of Mr. Rulison,

The rules were suspended, two-thirds of all the members present voting therefor, and the bill was put upon its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Aldrich	Mr. Gray	Mr. Pack
Alward	Hall	Pearson
Anderson	Hammond	Phillips
Babcock	Handy	Randall
Brownell	Hatzenbuehler	Read, J. H.
Burdick	Heineman	Reed, G. W.
Burfoot	Howell	Reed, W. A.
Buskirk	Keep	Rulison
Caldwell	Kerr	Schmidt
Carton	Kingott	Shepherd
Chamberlain	Laflamboy	Soper
Chandler	Locher	Stewart
Cheever	Lugers	Stumpfenhusen
Colby	Lusk	Sutherland
Collins	McCall	Taziman
Colvin	McCallum	Van Camp
Crosby	McKay	Waterbury
Doyle	McLeod	Watters
Dudley	Mason	Weier
Duff	Miller	Wells
Eikhoff	Moore	Weter
Fleischhauer	Murdoch	Wheeler
Gillam	Murphy	Whitney
Gillette	Nash	Wing
Goodrich	Nevins	Wood

Mr. Goodyear

Mr. Niedermeier

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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Rulison,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, March 22, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed by the Senate to transmit to the House the following bill:

Senate bill No. 49 (file No. 54), entitled

A bill to provide for the employment of women physicians in certain institutions of this State.

Which has passed the Senate by a majority vote of all the Senators elect, and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

CHARLES S. PIERCE,
Secretary of the Senate.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on State Affairs.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, March 22, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed by the Senate to transmit to the House the following bill:

Senate joint resolution No. 258 (file No. 51), entitled

Joint resolution authorizing the Governor to issue a patent to Joseph Crawford for the east half of the southwest quarter of section 25, town 19 north of range 6 east, the same being State swamp lands.

Which has passed the Senate by a majority vote of all the Senators elect, and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

CHARLES S. PIERCE,
Secretary of the Senate.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, March 22, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed by the Senate to transmit to the House the following bill:

Senate bill No. 509 (file No. 46), entitled

A bill to amend section 1 of chapter 6 of act No. 164 of the public acts

of 1881, the same being compiler's section 5103 of Howell's annotated statutes and section No. 4717 of the compiled laws of 1897, relative to the bonded indebtedness of school districts.

Which has passed the Senate by a majority vote of all the Senators elect, and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

CHARLES S. PIERCE,
Secretary of the Senate.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Education.

The Speaker also announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER,
Lansing, March 22, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed by the Senate to transmit to the House the following bill:

Senate bill No. 95 (file No. 45), entitled

A bill to provide for the incorporation of associations for the purpose of establishing loan funds for the benefit of school scholars and students of this State, to assist them to attend the University of Michigan, the State Normal School at Ypsilanti, the Central Michigan Normal School at Mt. Pleasant, the Michigan State Agricultural College at Lansing, the College of Mines at Houghton, or the Manual Training Schools of the State.

Which has passed the Senate by a majority vote of all the Senators elect, and in which the concurrence of the House is respectfully asked.

Very respectfully,

CHARLES S. PIERCE,
Secretary of the Senate.

The bill was read a first and second time by its title, and referred to the committee on Judiciary.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Lusk offered the following:

Resolved, That the Clerk of the House be and is hereby directed to instruct the State Printer to facilitate the printing of appropriation bills, and that all said bills be given preference in the printing of same by said State Printer, and that he be so notified.

Which was adopted.

Mr. Moore offered the following:

Whereas, The Michigan University has asked for an appropriation of \$190,000, in addition to the continuous aid of one-sixth mill tax; the Normal Schools, \$247,700; the Industrial Home for Girls, \$114,117.50; the Michigan State Prison, \$190,000; the State Public School, \$93,466; Home for the Feeble Minded and Epileptic, \$126,873; the Eastern Michigan Asylum (Pontiac), \$82,750; School for the Deaf (Flint), \$237,425; and

Whereas, These bills call for appropriations far in excess of the appropriations asked in years past; and

Whereas, The Ways and Means Committee do not feel competent to fairly and intelligently consider these bills without making a personal

examination of the needs of these institutions as embodied in the bills before the House; therefore be it

Resolved, That said committee be and is hereby authorized to visit at their convenience said institutions for the purpose of making investigations deemed necessary in the interest of said institutions and the State.

Mr. Hart moved to amend the resolution so as to include all the members of the House.

Pending discussion,

The amendment was withdrawn.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution,

Mr. Buskirk demanded the yeas and nays.

The demand was seconded, and

Pending the calling of the roll,

Mr. Goodell moved to amend the resolution so that three members of the committee on Ways and Means shall visit the several State institutions.

Which motion did not prevail.

The question again being on the adoption of the resolution,

The resolution was then adopted, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Aldrich	Mr. Duff	Mr. McLeod
Anderson	Eikhoff	Mason
Brownell	Gillam	Miller
Bryan	Gillette	Murdoch
Burch	Gordon	Nevins
Burfoot	Gray	Reed, G. W.
Caldwell	Hatzenbuehler	Shepherd
Carton	Heck	Shisler
Chamberlain	Heineman	Soper
Chandler	Herrig	Stewart
Cheever	Kerr	Van Camp
Colby	Kingott	Watters
Collins	Lusk	Wells
Colvin	McCall	Weter
Crosby	McCallum	Wheeler
Dickinson	McKay	Whitney
Doyle	McLean	Speaker
Dudley		

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Mr. Alward	Mr. Handy	Mr. Phillips
Babcock	Hart	Randall
Buskirk	Howell	Read, J. H.
Fleischhauer	Keep	Reed, W. A.
Goodell	Locher	Stumpfenhusen
Goodrich	Lugers	Sutherland
Goodyear	Nash	Taziman
Hall	Niedermeier	Wing

Mr. Hammond

Mr. Pack

Mr. Wood

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Mr. McCall moved to take from the table,
Senate bill No. 21 (file No. 2), entitled

A bill to amend section 1 of act No. 230 of the public acts of 1897, entitled "An act to provide for the formation of corporations for the purpose of owning, maintaining and improving lands and other property kept for the purpose of summer resorts or for ornament recreation or amusement, and to repeal all laws or parts of laws in conflict herewith."

Which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. McCall,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

Mr. Chamberlain moved to take from the table,
House bill No. 839, entitled

A bill to provide for the placing of a double steel passenger elevator in the Capitol building, and making an appropriation therefor.

Which motion prevailed.

In motion of Mr. Chamberlain,

The bill was referred the committee on Ways and Means.

Mr. Soper moved to discharge the committee of the whole from the further consideration of

House bill No. 1036 (file No. 81), entitled

A bill to change the boundary of the village of Potterville, in Eaton county, by detaching certain territory and adding the same to the township of Benton.

Which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Soper,

The rules were suspended, two-thirds of all the members present voting therefor, and the bill was put upon its immediate passage.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, a majority of all the members elect voting therefor, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Alward

Anderson

Babcock

Brownell

Bryan

Burdick

Burfoot

Caldwell

Carton

Chamberlain

Colby

Colvin

Crosby

Davis

Duff

Eikhoff

Mr. Handy

Hatzenbuhler

Heck

Heineman

Herrig

Hofmeister

Howell

Keep

Kerr

Kingott

Locher

Lugers

Lusk

McCall

McKay

Mason

Mr. Pearson

Randall

Read, J. H.

Reed, G. W.

Reed, W. A.

Rulison

Schmidt

Soper

Stewart

Stumpenhusen

Sutherland

Taziman

Van Camp

Waterbury

Watters

Weier

Mr. Fleischhauer	Mr. Miller	Mr. Wells	
Gillam	Murdoch	Weter	
Gillette	Murphy	Whitney	
Goodrich	Nash	Wing	
Goodyear	Nevins	Wood	
Gray	Niedermeier	Woodruff	
Hammond	Pack	Speaker	
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Title agreed to.

On motion of Mr. Soper,

By a vote of two-thirds of all the members elect, the bill was ordered to take immediate effect.

Mr. Fleischhauer moved to take from the table,

House bill No. 698, entitled

A bill to repeal act No. 161 of the session laws of 1897, entitled "An act making an appropriation for the relief of sufferers by the great fire of 1896, in Ontonagon village of this State," and to provide for the closing of the accounts and making final report of the commission appointed under said act.

Which motion prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Fleischhauer,

The bill was referred to the committee on Village Corporations.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Being the consideration of the following:

Whereas, In years past, for reasons unknown to this House, it has taken from six to nine months to get the session laws of our State Legislature into the hands of different State, county and township officers in this State; and

Whereas, It is a common practice in our sister states to have their session laws in the hands of their people 60 and 90 days after their respective legislatures adjourn; therefore

Resolved, That this House (the Senate concurring), do hereby request the Secretary of State to cause the compiling and printing of the public acts passed by the present Legislature to be commenced and carried on as fast as sufficient material is at hand to set up and run off a form, and said Secretary of State shall have printed the statutory number of said forms as fast as compiled, and have them ready to bind at the close of this session at the earliest possible moment thereafter.

Be it further resolved, That in case the State Printer thinks he is unable to do the whole work as herein set forth, the Honorable Secretary of State is authorized to procure other help to assist in the printing and binding of said session laws.

Mr. Shepherd moved that the resolution be referred to the committee on Printing.

Mr. Chamberlain moved that the amendment be amended so as to make the reference to the committee on Judiciary.

Which motion prevailed.

The motion to refer, as amended, then prevailed.

On motion of Mr. Pearson,

The House went into committee of the whole, on the general order.

Whereupon the Speaker called Mr. McKay to the chair.

After some time spent therein, the committee rose, and through their chairman, made the following report:

The committee of the whole have had under consideration the following:

1. House bill No. 237 (file No. 101), entitled

A bill to authorize and direct the Quartermaster General to effect suitable insurance on the military stores, arms and equipments, including all military property belonging to the State of Michigan.

Have made no amendments thereto, and have directed their chairman to report the same back to the House, and recommend its passage.

The committee of the whole have also had under consideration the following:

2. House bill No. 70 (file No. 10), entitled

A bill to amend section 66 of act No. 206 of the public acts of 1893, entitled "An act to provide for the assessment of property and the levy and collection of taxes thereon, and for the collection of taxes heretofore and hereafter levied, making such taxes a lien on the lands taxed, establishing and continuing such lien, providing for the sale and conveyance of lands delinquent for taxes and for the inspection and disposition of lands bid off to the State and not redeemed or purchased, and to repeal act numbered 200 of the public acts of 1891, and all other acts or parts of acts in anywise contravening any of the provisions of this act," approved June 1, 1893, as amended by act numbered 162 of the public acts of 1895, approved May 18, 1895.

3. House joint resolution No. 1164 (file No. 103), entitled

Joint resolution proposing an amendment to section 15 of article 4 of the constitution of the State of Michigan, relative to the legislative department.

4. House bill No. 226 (file No. 113), entitled

A bill to prohibit the mixing of oat hulls in the manufacture and sale of any ground grain or feed.

Have made sundry amendments thereto, and have directed their chairman to report the same back to the House, asking concurrence therein, and recommend their passage.

The committee of the whole have also had under consideration the following:

5. House bill No. 486 (file No. 102), entitled

A bill to regulate the practice of horseshoeing in the State of Michigan.

Have stricken out all after the enacting clause thereof, and have directed their chairman to report that fact to the House, asking concurrence therein.

WM. MCKAY,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The first named bill was placed on the order of third reading.

The question being on concurring in the amendment made by the committee to the second, third and fourth named bills,

The House concurred, and they were placed on the order of third reading.

The question being on concurring in the action of the committee in striking out all after the enacting clause of the fifth named bill,

Mr. Crosby demanded the yeas and nays.

The demand was seconded, and the action of the committee was not concurred in, by yeas and nays, as follows:

YEAS.

Mr. Alward

Mr. Caldwell

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NAYS.

Mr. Burch

Mr. Heck

Mr. Reed, W. A.

Chamberlain

Heineman

Rulison

Chandler

Howell

Schmidt

Cheever

Kerr

Shepherd

Colby

Laflamboy

Shisler

Crosby

Locher

Stewart

Davis

Lugers

Stumpenhusen

Dickinson

McCall

Sutherland

Doyle

McCallum

Taziman

Duff

McKay

Van Camp

Eikhoff

McLeod

Waterbury

Fleischhauer

Mason

Watters

Gillam

Miller

Weier

Gillette

Murdoch

Wells

Goodell

Nash

Weter

Goodrich

Nevins

Wheeler

Goodyear

Pack

Whitney

Hammond

Pearson

Wing

Handy

Randall

Wood

Hart

Read, J. H.

Woodruff

Hatzenbuhler

Reed, G. W.

Speaker

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The question being, what disposition shall be made of the bill,

On motion of Mr. Crosby,

The bill was referred to the joint committees on Labor and Agriculture.

BILLS PRESENTED TO THE GOVERNOR.

By the Clerk:

I have to report that I have this day enrolled, compared and presented to the Governor,

House bill No. 493, entitled

An act to authorize the township of Carrollton, in the county of Saginaw, to borrow money on its faith and credit, and use the same in the

construction of a stone road on the highway known as the Carrollton Road, in said township, from the point where the said Carrollton Road intersects the main line of the Flint and Pere Marquette railroad, thence northerly along said highway to the south line of the township of Zilwaukee, and to empower said township to issue its bonds for the money so borrowed.

In accordance with the rules and order of the House: the receipt for the same being dated 4:35 p. m. March 23, 1899.

LEWIS M. MILLER,
Clerk of the House.

By the Clerk:

I have to report that I have this day enrolled, compared and presented to the Governor,

House bill No. 891, entitled

An act to authorize the county of Saginaw to submit the question of issuing bonds to the qualified voters of said county, for the purpose of erecting an asylum for the care and maintenance of the insane.

In accordance with the rules and order of the House: the receipt for the same being dated 4:35 p. m. March 23, 1899.

LEWIS M. MILLER,
Clerk of the House.

By unanimous consent:

By the committee on City Corporations:

The committee on City Corporations, to whom was referred

House bill No. 1020 (file No. 110), entitled

A bill to provide for the manner in which the common council of the city of Detroit may grant franchises for street railways.

Respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and have directed me to report the same back to the House, with amendments thereto, recommending that the amendments be concurred in, and that the bill, when so amended, do pass, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

P. HERRIG,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The question being on concurring in the amendment made by the committee to the bill,

The House concurred.

The bill was then referred to the committee of the whole, and placed on the general order.

By unanimous consent:

The Speaker announced the following:

SENATE CHAMBER.
Lansing, March 23, 1899.

To the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am instructed by the Senate to return to the House the following bill:

House bill No. 1011, entitled

A bill to authorize the city of Detroit to construct, acquire, maintain and operate street railways, and construct extensions thereof.

In the passage of which the Senate has concurred by a majority vote

of all the Senators elect, and by a vote of two-thirds of all the Senators elect has ordered the same to take immediate effect.

Very respectfully,

CHARLES S. PIERCE,
Secretary of the Senate.

The bill was referred for enrollment and presentation to the Governor, under the rules.

Mr. Stewart moved that there be a call of the House.

Pending which,

On motion of Mr. Murdoch,

The House took a recess until 7:25 o'clock this evening.

EVENING SESSION.

7:25 o'clock p. m.

The House met and was called to order by the Speaker.

Roll called: quorum present.

On motion of Mr. Shepherd,

Leave of absence was granted to himself until April 5.

On motion of Mr. Kingott.

Leave of absence was granted to himself until Wednesday next.

On motion of Mr. Kerr,

Leave of absence was granted to Mr. Wayne indefinitely.

On motion of Mr. Burfoot,

Leave of absence was granted to the committee on Labor for tomorrow.

On motion of Mr. Van Camp,

Leave of absence was granted to himself until Tuesday next.

On motion of Mr. Gray,

Leave of absence was granted to himself until Tuesday next.

On motion of Mr. Pack,

Leave of absence was granted to himself for tomorrow.

On motion of Mr. Lusk,

Leave of absence was granted to himself for tomorrow.

On motion of Mr. Keep,

Leave of absence was granted to himself for tomorrow.

On motion of Mr. Hart,

Leave of absence was granted to himself indefinitely.

On motion of Mr. J. H. Read,

Leave of absence was granted to himself for tomorrow.

On motion of Mr. Goodell,

Leave of absence was granted to himself until Tuesday next.

On motion of Mr. Waterbury,

Leave of absence was granted to himself until Wednesday next.

On motion of Mr. Mason,

Leave of absence was granted to himself until Wednesday next.

On motion of Mr. Burdick,

Leave of absence was granted to himself until April 5.

By unanimous consent:

Mr. Hammond offered the following:

Resolved, That when the House adjourns today, it stand adjourned until tomorrow at 10 o'clock a. m.
Which was adopted.

BILLS PRESENTED TO THE GOVERNOR.

By the Clerk:

I have to report that I have this day enrolled, compared and presented to the Governor,

House bill No. 781, entitled

An act to incorporate the city of Crystal Falls in Iron county.

In accordance with the rules and order of the House: the receipt for the same being dated 6:15 p. m., March 23, 1899.

LEWIS M. MILLER,
Clerk of the House.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS.

No. 336. By Mr. M. H. Reynolds: Petition of M. H. Reynolds and others in regard to the sale of liquors in the vicinity of colleges, etc.

Referred to the committee on Liquor Traffic.

The Speaker announced that the hour had arrived for the

SPECIAL ORDER.

Being the consideration of

House joint resolution No. 95 (file No. 35), entitled

Joint resolution proposing an amendment to section 1, article 7, of the constitution of the State of Michigan, relative to elections.

On motion of Mr. Howell,

The House went into committee of the whole, on the special order.

Whereupon the Speaker called Mr. Shisler to the chair.

After some time spent therein, the committee rose, and through their chairman, made the following report:

The committee of the whole have had under consideration the following:

House joint resolution No. 95 (file No. 35), entitled

Joint resolution proposing amendment to section 1, article 7, of the constitution of the State of Michigan relative to elections.

Have made sundry amendments thereto, and have directed their chairman to report the same back to the House, asking concurrence therein, and recommend its passage.

J. W. SHISLER,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

The question being on concurring in the amendments made by the committee to the joint resolution,

The House concurred, and

Pending the order that the joint resolution be placed on the order of third reading,

Mr. Fleischhauer moved that the rules be suspended and the joint resolution be placed on its immediate passage.

